GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

TWENTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

AT THE HEAD-QUARTERS, ADYAR, MADRAS,

DECEMBER 27TH, 28TH, 29TH AND 30TH, 1897.

WITH OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS.

The chair was taken, as usual, by the President-Founder, at noon on the 27th December. Owing to the prevalence of the bubonic plague in the Bombay Presidency, Dr. Arthur Richardson Ph. D., F. C. S., F. T. S., was the only representative of our several active Branches within the infected territory. Mr. A. G. Watson, F. T. S., came from his engineering work in the Kotah native State; Rai Sahib Ishwari Prasad, F.T.S., from Amraoti; Mrs. Beatty, F. T. S., from Wellington, Nilgiris; Mrs. Higgins, Miss Rodda, Miss Gmeiner and Mr. Peter D'Abrew—all of the Hope Lodge T. S., came from Colombo; Mr. M. M. Desai, from the Central Provinces; and H. R. H. Prince Prisdan Choomsai of Siam, now a Buddhist monk known as Jinawara Vansa, and another Buddhist monk of the Amarapoora sect of Ceylon, came from that lovely Island on a visit to the President-Founder. Babu Upendranath Basu, M.A., Joint General Secretary of the Indian Section, came from Benares to supervise the business of this year's convention of the Section. A feeling of buoyancy and perfect confidence in the future of the Society seemed to prevail, and the proceedings went off without the smallest jar or friction. The Convention Hall looks very fine and spacious since the four heavy brick and stucco columns in the vestibule were replaced by iron girders and the whole floor space opened out. Other radical improvements of the same sort are to be made during the coming year, so that by next Convention the Hall will be so changed for the better that Mrs. Besant will scarcely be able to recognize it.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Brethren. It is with a thankful and happy heart that I welcome you to this twenty-second anniversary of the Theosophical Society. Never before, since its foundation, have its prospects been brighter, its sky more unclouded. Storms may come again,—nay we may be sure they will—and fresh obstacles present themselves, but one such exciting and

exhilarating year as 1897 braces up one's courage to stand the worst shocks and surmount the most obstructive difficulties that can be found in our forward path. It is not merely from one quarter that good fortune is flowing towards this centre, but from all sides; not only from America but from Europe, India and the Australasian Colonies come to us the proofs that our Theosophical movement rides on the crest of a wave of spiritual influx that is circulating around the globe. I speak with enthusiasm, it is true, but not with exaggeration, and time will prove the correctness of my views.

WORK IN CEYLON.

In March last I left Adyar for Ceylon and returned thence early in May. My work there was the revision of the text of the 33rd Edition of my *Buddhist Catechism*, with the help of our most capable lay colleagues and the advice and criticism of the venerable H. Sumangala, Maha Nayaka. I had also to help the Buddhist public to receive His Majesty the King of Siam, for whom as the sole surviving Buddhist reigning sovereign, they naturally have the strongest regard and respect. Both duties were successfully performed, and I am pleased to say that His Majesty conveyed through me to the Sinhalese Buddhists his cordial thanks for their efforts to make his visit agreeable. I found our schools and colleges in a very encouraging condition, as the official reports of Messrs Buultjens, Dullewe, Jayasekere and Perera, elsewhere printed, will fully prove. The fact that we now have under the Society's supervision 105 schools, with some 17,000 children in attendance, and that besides these some fifty more schools have been opened by Buddhists, but not yet put under our management, is a most striking and convincing proof of the practical good that the Sinhalese nation have reaped from the advent of our Society in the Island, in the year 1880. If so much has been done, within so few years, and with such meagre pecuniary resources, what may we not hope for the near future?

THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

After a rest of but ten days at Adyar I started again for the Australasian colonies. Passing through Torres Straits and past Java, I landed at Rockhampton, in Northern Queensland, June 13th, and began a round tour that included Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, New Zealand and South Australia; covering a distance of about 17,000 miles from Adyar back to the point of departure. I visited all our Branches in these colonies, save Perth, Wanganui and one or two others that lay out of my track, and made personal acquaintance with all our members. It is with delight that I look back to these personal encounters. Between those dear colleagues and myself the tie of friendship and mutual trust has been woven. Unknown before to them, save as a name and a title, I am now able to call them my friends, to gauge their capabilities, and correctly estimate the possibilities of the future of our movement in

that distant quarter of the world. I am delighted to be able to declare that in those young communities I found here and there individuals as ardent in zeal for Theosophy and as eager for instruction in the hoary wisdom of the Aryan sages, as I have found in India itself. I found one at least who is quite able to teach most of us who are older in the study than he, and others who want but freedom from worldly cares to make great strides forward towards the attainment of the coveted wisdom. I also found a number of psychics who need only proper training under the eye of an adept to accomplish wonders. The colonials, as a whole, are not spiritually advanced: their greatest present joy is in horse-racing, cricket, foot-ball and other athletic sports, but they resemble the Americans in having what may be called great latent capacities in their natures, which under the ordinary working of the law of evolution will be brought out after a generation or two.

I was sorry to see a tendency in certain very few Branches towards the assertion of a corporate importance and autonomy which, if carried far, might resemble that which bore such bitter fruits in the American Section two years ago. This heresy of individual sovereignty was the cause of the great Slaveholders' Rebellion of 1861-5, in America. No world-covering, practical movement can possibly be carried on without perfect loyalty to the principle of federal combination of autonomous units for the common good. Our Theosophical Society is, I think, as perfect an example of a maximum of centralised moral strength with a minimum of invasion of local independence as the world can show. Until I formed distant Branches into autonomous Sections, all was drifting into confusion because there were not hours enough in a day nor working strength enough in my body to keep me, unaided, almost, as I was, in touch with them. The Sections of Australia and New Zealand are but organized Central Committees, which act for all their Branches, derive their power from them, and serve as their agency to keep alive the bond between them and the President-Founder, the Society's central executive. I hope that this view may become clear to every Branch throughout the world, and that it may realise that it is but one out of four hundred similar groups of students, and that no one Section is of any more importance to me than any other, but is equally important as any other in the whole Society. A Section cannot do its whole duty to the Society or the Branches which compose it, unless every Branch and every member loyally and unreservedly supports its lawful measures. As Sections are parts of the Society so Branches are parts of the Sections, and any disunity between a Branch and its Section is as deplorable and dangerous as disunity between a Section and the Headquarters. We need go no farther than the Judge Secession for proof of this.

From Rockhampton onward I was accompanied by Miss Lilian Edger, M. A., then General Secretary of the New Zealand Section, who

was making a lecturing tour of the Australasian Branches at the suggestion of the late Mr. J. C. Staples, our universally lamented General Secretary of the Australasian Section. It required no long acquaintance with this lady to show me that she had special gifts for the kind of public work which Mrs. Besant and Countess Wachtmeister have been doing with such eminent success. I saw that she was fitted for a much larger field than she had until then been reaping, so I invited her to come and give the morning lectures at this Convention. You have yourselves been able to judge from this morning's opening discourse how well justified I was in my decision (Much applause). It is now arranged by our Brother Upendranath Basu, Joint General Secretary of the Indian Section, that she shall make a limited Indian tour and that I shall go with her to present her, as I did Mrs. Besant, to the Indian public. We sail for Calcutta on the 9th January.

At my request she resigned her official position and Mr. C. W. Sanders, a most respected and loveable gentleman of Auckland, who has been devoted to our cause since its first introduction into New Zealand was elected her successor. With the able and self-sacrificing help of Mr. W. Davidson, the Assistant General Secretary, the Section business will go on as usual.

During my tour I delivered sixty-five public lectures and Branch addresses.

The American Section.

Mr. Fullerton's report, confirming the unofficial advices published from time to time, show us what a splendid record of labour and success Mrs. Besant and the Countess Wachtmeister have made this year in the United States. At the beginning of Mrs. Besant's tour every possible obstacle that malignity could devise was put in her way; her audiences were small and her expenses exceeded her receipts. But the power behind her was irresistible, and perfect success followed her throughout the latter half of her tour. Last December there were but seventeen Branches saved out of the wreck of the Section, to-day there are fifty-three. What is more important is that we have recovered much of our old prestige, while the party of Secession is said to be falling to pieces very rapidly. This is the result of natural causes and, I am glad to say, is not due to any secret or overt action on our part. It marks the triumph of honour and loyalty to principle.

Organized Self-denial.

I feel it my duty to call your attention to the splendid example of self-denial for a religious and philanthropic cause, which is shown the world by the Salvation Army. While I was in New Zealand the "Self-denial Week" of the Army occurred, and the astounding fact is that the sum of £25,000 was put into its treasury as the result of this self-sacrifice. What can we, Theosophists, show of this sort that is worth mentioning by comparison? Here are we who profess to be spread-

ing the most noble of all truths throughout the world and to teach the highest morality and purest altruism. Who among us has practised the self-denial of these eccentric religious sensationalists ; what have we to boast of in this direction ? I solemnly adjure you, my brethren, to begin this year to earn the respect of your own consciences by setting aside some fixed percentage of your respective incomes as a great fund for the benefit of the Society. Why should we not select the week in which our White Lotus Day occurs, to do this generous thing that H. P. B. would have approved, and that Annie Besant and Constance Wachtmeister habitually practise ? This should be a general, not a sectional fund, and should be kept at Headquarters, for distribution as the exigencies of our work in the Sections and otherwise throughout the world shall demand. The cutting off of our mere luxuries for one week of each year would give us enough for all our pressing needs.

THE T. SUBBAROW MEDAL.

In a former Annual Address I recommended the addition by subscription of some hundreds of rupees to the principal of the Subbarow Medal Fund,—founded by the Convention of 1883—which is lodged in the P. O. Savings Bank and drawing $3\frac{1}{2}$ % interest. I have just received from Rai Sahib Ishwara Prasad F.T.S., an affectionate letter, covering his cheque for Rs. 500. This raises the interest-bearing sum to a little over Rs. 1,100. Further subscriptions have been made—as the Treasurer will presently inform you, which swell it to Rs. 1,300. If we increase this to Rs. 1,500 it will yield us some Rs. 67, or just about enough to pay the cost of an annual award of the medal.*

THE HARTMANN ESTATE.

I am glad to say that after six years of legal quibbling and obstruction, my Brisbane attorneys have at last closed up this affair and made over to the late Carl H. Hartmann's heirs the estate which he bequeathed to me as President of the Society, in violation of the moral rights of his family. The following letters tell their own story, and form a record of which, I think, the Society has just cause to be proud :

BRISBANE, *6th July* 1897.

COL. OLCOTT,

President, Theosophical Society.

DEAR SIR,

I have great pleasure in informing you, that by your directions (contained in a Power of Attorney made about three years ago), in conjunction with Mr. P. Macpherson, your Solicitor, I have transferred all the real and personal property to Herman Hartmann, one of the sons and the nominee of the family of the late Carl H. Hartmann of Toowoomba, Queensland, who had disposed by will of the whole of his property to you as President of the Theosophical Society.

* The desired sum was made up by subscription on the day following the delivery of the President's Address and he announced that the medal for 1897 would be given to Mr. C. W. Leadbeater for his valuable contributions to Theosophical literature.

Mr. Herman Hartmann expressed to me his heartfelt thanks and stated that he was very glad that his father had not left his property to a church.

Yours faithfully,
(Sd.) GEO. W. PAUL.

BRISBANE, *6th July* 1897.

COL. H. S. OLCOTT,
President, Theosophical Society.

HARTMANN DECEASED.

DEAR SIR,

Referring to His Honor Judge Paul's note to you of to-day, I have to explain that the delay which occurred in carrying your wishes into effect arose entirely through legal technicalities.

Pardon my expressing to you my admiration of your conduct in this matter and to say that it has been at once generous and just.

I am,
Faithfully yours,
(Sd.) P. MACPHERSON.

PARIAH EDUCATION.

The School for Pariah children goes on as usual. There are now seventy-six pupils on the register and we have earned a small Government Grant-in-aid. The children exhibit as much intelligence as the average of those in the higher castes and their conduct is irreproachable. H. E. Sir Arthur Havelock, Governor of Madras, visited the school and expressed himself as well pleased with his inspection. The credit for this result is largely due to the Head Teacher, Mr. Krishnaswamy Pillay, who has now won his teacher's certificate from the Teachers' College.

FAMINE AND PLAGUE RELIEF.

Our brethren of the Indian Section have earned the thanks and respect of their colleagues and of the whole public by their noble and unselfish work in collecting and distributing relief for the victims of the direful famine of the past twelve months: the details of which will be given by the Joint General Secretary in his Annual Report to the Section.

So too, must we ever hold in honor the name of Dr. Arthur Richardson, Ph. D., F. C. S., F. T. S., for his unpaid services under the Bombay Sanitary Board in fighting the Plague. For six months he has daily jeopardized his life by working in the hospitals and slums of Bombay; he is a hero of altruism. So, too, must we mention with honor the names of Tookaram Tatya and P. D. Khan who have also given their services to the same noble cause.

UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH.

The phenomenal growth of our Society during the past year has no parallel in our previous history. Sixty-four new Branches have been

added to our list ; this result being largely owing, as you doubtless know, to the untiring labors of Mrs. Besant and Countess Wachtmeister, who have had such great success in America, and to the ardent zeal of Mr. K. Narayanaswamy Iyer, in South India. These Branches are distributed as follows : Indian Section fifteen, European Section eight, American Section thirty-seven, Scandinavian Section one, Australasian Section two, New Zealand one. The following table shows the total number of Charters issued from the beginning of the Society, to the close of each official year :

Charters issued by the T. S. to the close of 1897.

1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897
1	2	10	25	52	93	107	124	136	158	179	206	241	279	304	352	394	408	428	492

Deducting Branches seceded we have 402 living Charters and recognized Centres remaining. Five old Indian Branches classified as "dormant" have been revived by Mr. K. Narayanaswamy Iyer during his visits to their respective localities. This once more vindicates the position that has been taken, in not erasing from our register Indian Branches that may have become temporarily inactive. The restoration of these five Branches to the Active class makes our gain sixty-nine in that group, as compared with last year : from this we must deduct two for cancelled charters.

Localities of New Branches.

India :—Adyar, Conjeeveram, Dharmapuri, Guntur, Habiganj, Krishnagiri, Malegaon, Namakal, Palni, Salem, Sivaganga, Satur, Srivaikuntham, Tirupattur, Vaniyambady.

Europe:—Rotterdam, Rome, The Hague, Vlaardingen, Amsterdam, Nice, West London, Hamstead.

America :—Spokane, Butte, Sheridan, Minneapolis, Streator, Buffalo, two in Chicago, Brooklyn, Cleveland, New York, Washington, Philadelphia, Topeka, Newark, Denver, San Diego, Sacramento, Ellensburg, Clinton, Omaha, Menomonie, Kalamazoo, Jackson, Ann Arbor, Lynn, Galesburg, Lily Dale, Dunkirk, Detroit, Green Bay, Rochester, Syracuse, Albany, Boston, and Indianapolis, Kansas City, Mo.

Australia :— Perth, Mt. David.

New Zealand :—Wanganui.

Sweden (Scandinavian Section)—Lulea.

THE SECTIONS.

As was foreshadowed by me in my last report, the Dutch Branches have been formed into the Netherlands Section, making the seventh of the grand divisions of our Society which are as follows, in the sequence of their ages: 1. The American; 2. The European; 3. The Indian; 4. The Australasian; 5. The Scandinavian; 6. The New Zealand; 7. The Netherlands. The Ceylon Branches act in the line of purely Buddhistic and educational work, those at Colombo, Galle and Kandy being the most active. I am more than pleased with the formation of the Section in Holland, for not only am I drawn to Mr. Fricke and his colleagues by the tie of ancestral blood, but I have learned by reading history that a more staunch, brave, persistent and independent people than the Dutch do not exist. Once let them become convinced of the merits of the Theosophical teaching and there is no sacrifice they are not capable of making, no obstacles they will not try to surmount to put our movement on a sure footing. In this, they resemble the Scotch.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY.

We have added to the library during the year, 172 books, of which 162 were presented and ten purchased. Lack of funds has prevented further outlay for books. On the return of our Pandit from Southern India in June last he brought with him fifty manuscripts. Among the additions this year, the most rare and valuable are Gaudapada's *Devi Sutras*, *Varivasya Ruhatia*, of Bhaskaracharya, and *Itihasa*.

One rare MS. on Advaita philosophy, by name, *Sadâchârapaddhati* has been printed by the Pandit in Telugu character on behalf of Mr. J. Srinivasa Row, of Gooty, owing to its importance. The Pandit has finished the English translation of *Lalita Sahasranama*, with Bhâskara's and Bhattanarayana's commentary and it is under revision by Mr. A. J. Cooper-Oakley, Registrar of the University of Madras, who has been kind enough to go through it. After finishing it the Pandit intends to undertake the English translation of the *Saiva bhâshya* on the Vedanta Sutras.

The following are the present details of the collection. The figures are smaller than the actual number of volumes.

Oriental Section.

1.	Vedas and Vedangas	224
2.	Puranas	157
3.	Dharma Sastras	333
4.	Philosophies of the six schools	619
5.	Jyotisha and Vaidya	93
6.	Jainism (Sanskrit)	27
7.	Tantra Sastra	178
8.	Grammar and Lexicon	166
9.	Literature	233
10.	The Pandit, Anandâsrama Kâvyamâlâ, Bhârati and other magazines	196

11.	Stotras	921
12.	Indian Vernacular	720
13.	Reference books including the Sacred books of the East, Trubner Oriental Series	619
14.	Buddhism, including Chinese, Japanese, Burmese, Siamese and Pali texts, &c.	1475
	Total	5132

WESTERN SECTION.

General literature under separate headings	4228
Grand Total	9360

A manuscript on Bhattabhaskara's commentary on Yajurveda was lent to the Curator of the Mysore Government Oriental Library, who acknowledged it in his publication of the 5th Volume of the *Taitariya Samhita*.

BOOKS PUBLISHED IN 1897.

English.

The Secret Doctrine, Vol. III., by H. P. B.

The Three Paths, Mrs. Besant.

Light on the Path, with comments, Mabel Collins.

Four Great Religions, Mrs. Besant.

The Seven Principles of Man, Mrs. Besant (new and revised edition).

Man's Place and Function in Nature, Mrs. Besant.

The Aura, C. W. Leadbeater.

Nature's Finer Forces, Rama Prasad (new edition).

Collectanea Hermetica, Vol. VIII., *Egyptian Magic*.

Transactions of the London Lodge, one number.

Transactions of the Scottish Lodge.

The Ancient Wisdom, Mrs. Besant.

Buddhist Catechism, 33rd Edition. H. S. Olcott.

Thoughts (poems), by W. H.

Three Paths, by Mrs. A. Besant.

The Human Aura, by A. Marques.

Practical Vegetarian Cookery, by Countess Wachtmeister.

Spiritualism in the Light of Theosophy, by do.

Scientific Corroborations of Theosophy, by A. Marques.

English Translation of Bhagavad Gîtâ, with Sankara's Commentary, by A. Mahâdeva Sastri.

Selections from Mrs. Besant's writings.

Agastya Sutras, by R. A. Sastri.

Soundaryalahiri, &c., by do.

Mandala Brahmopanishad, by A. M. Sastri.

Theory and Practice of Hindu Worship.

Mystic Freemasonry, by Dr. J. D. Buck.

Rosy Mite, by Mme. Jelihovsky.
The Beginnings of the Vth Race, by A. P. Smith.
The Doctrine of Maya, by R. V. Apte.
The New Spiritualism, by R. Harte.
The Awakening of the Self, or Atmabodh of Sri Sankara Charya.
Karma: A study of the Law of Cause and Effect, by J. A. Anderson.
The Mysteries of Magic, by A. E. Waite.
Egyptian Magic, by W. W. Westcott.
Teachings of Buddhism, by Dr. Paul Carus.
Lectures on the Study of Bhagavad Gitâ (Revised Edition.)
Inspiration, Intuition, Ecstasy, by A. Govinda Charlu.
On the Outer Rim—Studies in Wider Evolution, by Geo. E. Wright.
Yoga (Tamil Translation of one of the Lectures of Mrs. A. Besant).
Masdayasni Religion and Theosophy (in Gujerati).
Aryan Morals (Tamil Translation).
Ethics of Buddha, by H. Dharmapala.

FRENCH.

Le Lotus Bleu, twelve numbers.
Questionnaire Théosophique, D. A. Courmes.
A B C de la Théosophie, Dr. Pascal.
The Secret Doctrine. (*In the Press*).

GERMAN.

Unsere Unsichtbaren Helfer, C. W. Leadbeater.
Die Astralebene, C. W. Leadbeater.
Unser Tägliches Brod, H. Krecke.
Okkulte Chemie, Mrs. Besant.
Die Zukunft die unser wartet, Mrs. Besant.
Was ist mir Theosophie.

SPANISH.

Sophia, twelve numbers.
Occult Chemistry and Thought Forms, Mrs. Besant.
Buddhist Catechism, H. S. Olcott.
The Story of Atlantis, W. Scott Elliott.

DUTCH.

Theosophia, twelve numbers.
Op de Zuider Zee, E. Sterck.
Eerste Kennismaking met de Theosophie, Multaspero.
Eenvoudige Schets van de Theosophie, Afra.

ITALIAN.

Nova Lux.
Two pamphlets containing translations of "In the Shadow of the Gods," by Thos. Williams, and "Ignorance and Science," by Amo; and a letter from a Catholic priest, with a reply by Mrs. Besant.

SWEDISH.

Teosofisk Tidskrift, 12 numbers.
The Secret Doctrine, (trans).
In the Outer Court (trans).
Three pamphlets, by S. F. Sven-Nilsson and A. Knos.

NORWEGIAN.

Balder, 7 numbers.

PUBLICATIONS BY INDIAN BRANCHES.

Guntur T. S.—Translation of Vivekachudamani, in Telugu (in preparation).

Bellary T. S.—Translation of "Hinduism" by Mrs. Annie Besant, in Telugu (in press).

Adyar Lodge.—Translation of seven Upanishads with Sankaracharya's commentary—(in press).

Bombay T. S.

(1) Jivanmuktiviveka by Vidyaranya Saraswati, translated by Professor Manilal N. Dvivedi.
(2) Lectures on the study of the Bhagavad Gîtâ, by T. Subba Row—Pocket edition.
(3) Vachaspati Misra's "Tatwa Kaumadi." Translated by Babu Jagannath Jha, M. A.
(4) Ishavasya Upanishad—Translated by Babu Srishchandra Basu, B. A.
(5) "Tookaram's Gâtha and Jnaneswari" (Marathi Text) cheap edition.
(6) 10,000 tracts in Gujarati—for free distribution.
(7) A large book on Theosophy (in Gujarati) in the press.

Surat T. S.

(1) Bhagavad Gitâ cheap edition in vernacular; 2nd edition in the press.
(2) Vernacular Pamphlet for enquirers.
(3) Chromopathy—translated into Hindi, Urdu, and Gujarati.
(4) Seven Principles of man, in Hindi.

Coimbatore T. S.

Yoga—lecture by Mrs. Besant, in Tamil.

Muzaffarpur T. S.

Chromopathy—translated by the Branch President.

Magazines.

The Theosophist,	*English*	(Monthly)	12 numbers.
Lucifer (now *Theosophical Review*),	,,	,,	12 ,,
Mercury,	,,	,,	12 ,,
Vahan,	,,	,,	12 ,,
Book Notes,	,,	,,	12 ,,

Prasnottara,	*English*	(Monthly)	12 numbers.
Theosophic Gleaner,	"	"	12 "
Arya Bala Bodhini,	"	"	12 "
Theosophy in Australasia,	"	"	12 "
The Buddhist,	"	"	12 "
Journal of Mahabodhi Society,	"	"	12 "
The Punjab Theosophist,	"	"	12 "
Forum,	"	"	12 "
Notes and Queries,	"	"	12 "
Modern Astrology,	"	"	12 "
Sanmarga Bodhini,	"	Weekly	24 "

We will now pass on to the reading of the official reports of the Treasurer, the Auditors and the Secretaries of Sections, from which you will gain a clear idea of the strength and prosperity of the Society at the close of this, its twenty-second year.

The reading of the reports of the different Sections was assigned by the President, in the following order :—

European Section to Dr. Arthur Richardson, PH. D.; American Section, to Dr. W. A. English; Australasian and New Zealand Sections, to Miss Lilian Edger, M. A.; Scandinavian Section to Mr. A. F. Knudsen, of H. I.

The reading of the report of the Indian Section was deferred until the 28th.

The report of the Netherlands Section, and the Ceylon reports were read by the President.

The following letter was next read :—

19, AVENUE ROAD, REGENTS PARK,
LONDON, N. W.,
Dec. 3rd 1897.

My dear President,

Will you convey to my dear Indian brothers my loving greetings, and tell them that my heart remembers them though my tongue may not speak to them. Though thousands of miles divide our bodies, we are one in our hopes, one in our love, one in the service of the Great Ones to whom our lives are dedicated.

May Their blessing cheer your hearts and guide aright your deliberations.

Your and their loving friend,
ANNIE BESANT.

Extracts from letters from, H. Dharmapala, of Colombo, Lewis Ritch, of South-Africa, Jehangir Sorabji, P. Kanakasabhaier and P. C. Mukherji, Archæologist, were also read.

Telegrams were next presented from the Blavatsky Lodge, Bombay; Dr. D. Edal Behram, Surat; Hyderabad T. S.; Judge N. D. Khandalavala, Poona; Masulipatam T. S.; Honourable Narendra Nath Sen, Calcutta, M. Pauparow Naidu, and from the Bhavanagar T. S.

The Treasurer's Report was next presented and read by the Treasurer of the Theosophical Society, M. R. Ry. T. Vijiaraghava Charlu.

Subscriptions to the Subba Row Medal Fund were then opened.

The President referred to improvements in the Lecture Hall and to his plan for founding an Oriental Institute which should educate teachers and lecturers to enlighten the world concerning the importance of Eastern literature and religions, which were highly approved.

Short speeches were made by Mr. A F. Knudsen of H. I., and Mr. Roshan Lal, B. A., a Barrister-at-Law from Allahabad, after which the meeting closed.

On the morning of the 28th, Mr. Harry Banbery, F. T. S., of London, arrived *en route* for Kandy, Ceylon, where he will be Principal of our High School.

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN SECTION, T. S.

To the President-Founder of the Theosophical Society.

The great event of the year has been the six months' tour of Mrs. Annie Besant. Of course no estimate is possible of the thousands to whom came, directly or indirectly, a knowledge of Theosophy through her public lectures, receptions, and interviews, with the widespread newspaper notices thereof, or of the countless thought-forces set in motion by labors of such length. Nor is it possible to gauge the instruction, the cheer, the enlightenment, the inspiration given by her in private intercourse, nor yet the gratitude felt by those thus helped. As mere matter of numerical statistics it may be stated that Mrs. Besant formed twenty-three new Branches, and that her recommendatory signature appears on two hundred and twenty-one applications for membership.

One element of indescribable value in the results of Mrs. Besant's tour is the rescue of Theosophy from popular opprobrium as a system of clap-trap, cheap marvel, and sensationalism, and its restoration to its real plane of dignified religious philosophy. The general contempt brought upon Theosophy by recent travesties of it has been greatly abated through her magnificent expositions of it. At this time Mrs. Besant's portrayal of the real "Ancient Wisdom" has an importance exceptionally great, one which will be more and more discerned as years unroll. That her tour was enjoined and supervised can readily be perceived by all familiar with its bearings.

The long-continued labors of the Countess Wachtmeister, begun in May, 1896, and still prosecuted with undiminished interest, are another cause of the Section's growth. She has formed 14 new Branches. The Countess has travelled over a large part of the North and West, and will during the winter, tour through the South. Certainly America has been singularly blessed in thus receiving such help in the era of sore trial and adversity. Not the least of the benefactions of

Mrs. Besant and the Countess has been a generous arrangement by which other lecturers will follow in their route and consolidate their work.

From November 1st, 1896, to November 1st, 1897, 35 Branches have been chartered and one has been restored, it having seceded to Mr. Judge's society in 1895 ; two, the Boise T. S., Boise City, Idaho Terr., and the Alameda T. S., Alameda, Calif., have surrendered their charters and dissolved. The present number is 52.

Members resigned 27 ; died 6 ; admitted 735 ; restored 45 ; present number of Branch members 1,027 ; of members-at-large 137 ; total 1,164. The number last year was 408.

Mercury has been enlarged and improved ; three important systems of Sectional work have been devised and aided by Mrs. Besant,—a Committee in each group of arranged States, with a correspondent in each State, this for information as to hopeful points and for labor therein, a Committee whereto questions as to doctrine or duty or truth may be sent for consideration and response ; a Lending Library plan, by which Branches can enjoy for a time the use of standard works ; and the whole *morale* of the Section has been greatly stimulated and uplifted. Valuable contribution is being made, under Mrs. Besant's auspices, by a Committee appointed by Convention in the issue of successive *Outlines of Branch Study*, and the Chicago Branch has published a carefully-analyzed Syllabus which will immensely help Branches and private students. The Countess Wachtmeister has devised and is executing an exceedingly useful adjunct to propaganda work ; towards that work one of our members contributed 50,000 copies of Mrs. Besant's *What Theosophy Is* ?

There is every indication of health and vigor in the American Section, and each fresh revelation of the anti-Theosophical virus from which we have been delivered causes renewed thankfulness for the purification undergone two years ago, a purification the necessity for which is seen now as it could not be then. Thus in gratitude for the past and hope for the future we continue our earnest work.

ALEXANDER FULLERTON,
November 1st, 1897. *General Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE EUROPEAN SECTION T. S.

To Colonel H. S. Olcott, P. T. S.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, I have the pleasure to herewith submit to you a brief report of the work of the European Section for the past twelve months.

The most important event has been the formation of our seven Branches in Holland into an independent section of the Society under the title of the Dutch Section. This is the second independent section which the European Section has thrown off from its parent stock.

Between the dates Nov. 17, 1896 and Nov. 17, 1897, seven new Branches have been formed, namely, Rotterdam, Rome, The Hague, Vlaardingen, Amsterdam, Nice and West London.

Without reckoning the Branches in the Scandinavian and Dutch Sections we have now 34 Branches in Europe. During the same period 207 new members have joined the European Section.

£72-9-7 have been paid into the general treasury of the Society by this Section, being one quarter of our fees and dues for the year. The Section has also forwarded £270 to our colleagues in India on behalf of the Indian Famine Fund.

From other sources you will hear of the great loss which our colleagues in Australia have experienced by the departure from this life of their General Secretary, Mr. J. C. Staples. It was the privilege of the members of our Section to be the first to pay their tribute of respect to his memory when his body was buried at Brighton.

Among the numerous publications during the preceding twelve months I must mention especially Vol. III of H. P. Blavatsky's monumental work, *The Secret Doctrine*, Mrs Besant's latest volume, *The Ancient Wisdom* and Mr. C. W. Leadbeater's manual on *The Devachanic Plane*. Our old friend *Lucifer* has changed its name to *The Theosophical Review* and is increased in size and improved in form. Its contents form a valuable repository of theosophical knowledge. I enclose a full list of publications for your convenience in making up the general report of the Society.

Our Section Library has been increased by the addition of many valuable works; in fact in no year has so much been done for it as during the past twelve months. Our Lending Library is also exceedingly well patronized. The Lecture Hall and Reading Room has been refurnished in part and reseated in quite a luxurious manner by the generosity of one of our members.

Although we have been without the assistance of Mrs. Besant for the major part of the year, a very large number of drawing-room meetings have been held, especially in London. A number of Lecture tours have been undertaken especially in connection with the Branches and Centres of the Northern and South Western Federations. The following towns have been visited on several occasions: Harrowgate, Liverpool, Manchester, Middlesboro', Leeds, Bradford, Sheffield, Hull, Nottingham, Bath, Bristol, Plymouth, Exeter, Bournemouth.

Mr. Leadbeater has been the most active in this work, and has been assisted by Mr. Keightley, Mrs. Cooper Oakley and myself. Mrs. Cooper Oakley has visited France, Italy, Germany, Austria and Russia, and Sweden and Holland have been visited by myself.

During the short time Mrs. Besant has been with us she has given a series of Sunday evening lectures at Queen's Hall, lectured several times in the provinces and held a very large number of drawing

room meetings, and receptions. Hundreds have been turned away from her lectures owing to lack of space for the audience, and all her meetings are uncomfortably crowded.

As our methods of propaganda have been of the soberest description, in fact we have devoted the major part of our time during the last two years to study, it is exceedingly gratifying to chronicle the profound interest which is being felt by the thinking public in theosophical subjects. The people who are attracted to the Society and attend our public lectures are as thoughtful an audience as can be found anywhere, and this augurs well for the future of our movement in Europe.

On the continent things are going on steadily in France and Spain, and in Italy are progressing favourably.

I enclose a list of Branches and Centres with the names and addresses up to date and am, my dear President,

Most sincerely and cordially yours,
G. R. S. MEAD,
General Secretary.

REPORT OF THE INDIAN SECTION, T. S.

To the President-Founder, T. S.

My esteemed friend, brother and colleague, Mr. Bertram Keightley, being away, the duty of greeting you at this, the Seventh Annual Convention of the Indian Section, devolves upon me, and a more pleasant duty I have seldom had occasion to perform. With a heart full of true theosophic sentiment, therefore, do I accord to each and every one of you a most cordial welcome; while on behalf of the whole Section as well as on mine own I hail with a still warmer heart our distinguished guest and sister, Miss Lilian Edger, who comes from the antipodes, to unite in a closer and more palpable bond of brotherhood the India of faded glory and exhausted energy with the young and vigorous British colony of New Zealand.

Our year commenced in October 1896 and ended in September 1897.

Our workers.

During the first two months of the period the greater portion of the General Secretary's work was done by my brother, Mr. Keightley, while I was engaged in making arrangements for our last Convention, planning Mrs. Besant's Panjab and Scind tour and accompanying her on that tour. The responsibility for all that has been done since rests on me, and it is for you to decide how far I have succeeded in discharging my duties. I can only give here the main results of the work and a general outline of our method.

The office having been developed out of its chaotic state into something like order, by careful and persistent attention during the first half of the year 1896, the routine work of the present year was much smoother and easier, though of course further moulding and

modelling was needed in some of its branches and details. Thus we have employed all available means to form as complete a register as practicable of all the members of the Indian Section. We have also opened separate books for the Branch and Unattached members respectively, to avoid in future all confusion arising from Secretaries of Branches remitting annual dues in various instalments without specification of names. Sometimes they even mix them up with subscriptions from unattached members. To these and to our old books we have further added a register of Diplomas issued. We have not however succeeded in completing some of these plans, as in spite of repeated requests, we have found it hard to make some of our lodges comply with the necessary requirements. The advantages of separate memoranda for entrance fees and annual dues have also been availed of.

The correspondence has been more voluminous in bulk and number and also more sympathetic and interesting in tone. The number of business letters, written by the Assistant Secretary alone has risen to 700 nearly; while all important communications were attended to by myself. In fact it has been my good fortune to have succeeded in keeping regular correspondence with all active Branch-Inspectors, all working Provincial Secretaries, and also with the Presidents or Secretaries of all our most important branches, and I think we have given general satisfaction to our members. At any rate no complaints have been heard, and the Unattached members have evidently been brought into closer touch than ever before.

There remains now the cash book and the Ledger, and I am glad to note that these have been kept very neatly and lucidly and every item of income and expenditure posted up to date. I had the books and vouchers audited by a very careful expert, joined by the Secretary of the Benares Branch, and you will see from their certificate that this department of our work has clearly improved and we have to thank our Honorary Treasurer Bâbu Mokshadâdâs Mitra principally, and our Accountant Bâbu Haripado Mukherjee for this.

Much of the credit of the office work does certainly belong to our Assistant Secretary Bâbu Kirti Chandra Roy. His value as an office hand is unquestionable. The zeal that he evinced during the last year is also worthy of remark. But I am sorry to be obliged to observe that of late his conduct has not been that which ought to animate all our workers, and specially the person who holds this important office.

Visits to Branches.

I think I may unhesitatingly assert that in this important branch of our work, the year under review has outshone all that precede it. Mrs. Annie Besant, made a most extensive tour in India in the months of November and December 1896 and the first half of January 1897. In the course of these two months she encircled nearly the whole of Hindustan and hardly a day passed on which she was not lecturing or travelling from one place to another. Her admirable paper on

the education of Hindus was the outcome of an interview with the Maharani of Mysore, and we are informed that the Mysore Girls' School has been modelled very much on the sound principles laid down by her. From Mysore to Bangalore and thence onwards to Madras closed her South Indian tour. What she did here just at this time last year must all be fresh in your minds and the little volume on "Four Great Religions of the World" remains a standing monument of her labour.

Mr. Keightley, our loved and respected General Secretary, visited Bareilly, Lucknow, Barabanki, Allahabad, Jubbulpur, Surat and Bombay and lectured at each of these places both to the public and to the members of the Branches.

Pandit Bhawani Sankar, our old and devoted brother, made quite a long journey through three of the five Presidencies and inspected the following Branches:—

Bankipur, Motihari, Calcutta, Midnapur, Nilphamari, Comilla, Jubbulpur, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Gooty, Bombay, and Madras. The noble simplicity and utter absence of egotism or pretension in his character endeared him to all our members. He is in great demand everywhere; but he cannot be ubiquitous and we regret we have not more like him.

M. R. Ry. K. Narayanaswami Aiyar is beyond doubt the most valuable man on our staff of voluntary workers. He has done wonders wherever he has gone and fresh proofs of his unflagging zeal are pouring in. He visited during the year:—Dindigal, Mannargudi, Udamalpet, Sivaganga, Srivilliputtur, Ambasamudram, Tinnevelly, Chingleput, Srivaikuntham, Satur, Periyakulam, Salem, Palni, Adyar, Conjeeveram, Namakal and a number of other places of minor importance. The lodges resuscitated by him are those at Ambasamudram, Chingleput, Mannargudi, Dindigul and Udamalpet, while the new ones he has started during the year are the Sivaganga, Srivilliputtur, Srivaikuntham, Satur, Periyakulam, Salem, Conjeeveram, Namakkal, Tirupattur, Krishnagiri, Vaniyambady, Dharmapuri, and Palni Branches. The heartiest thanks of the Section are due to him.

Rai B. K. Lahiri has always been an invincible pillar of our Section. Of late just as he was thinking of enlisting as a regular Missionary of the Society he was called away to discharge the duties of an important and responsible office in a Native State. But in the midst of all his grave and numerous duties he has made time to call at Lahore, Amritsar, Julandhar, Kapurthala and Ludhiana and to do at every one of these places his beloved Theosophical work.

Dr. Arthur Richardson is another boon which the wise and beneficient Powers have conferred upon our poor Indian Section. In his quiet unassuming way he has advanced our vital interests in a most substantial manner. He also paid a visit to Surat and lectured under the auspices of our lodge there.

M. R. Ry. R. Jagannathiah—makes the annexed report of his work, which speaks for itself and does him credit. He has sacrificed a great deal for the cause of Theosophy, and I would plead in his behalf for a monthly allowance to him from the Sectional Funds. His only means of subsistence is the sum of Rs. 25 per mensem which a generous friend gives him and a few subscriptions. I think the Section can very well spare Rs. 20 per month to him for travelling expenses and will be pleased to grant him this sum.

Mr. T. S. Lakshmi Narayan Aiyar visited Coimbatore, Palghat, Calicut, and a few other places; while some work in the same direction was done by Messrs. Srinivasa Row, Sivasankara Pandiyaji, Nalla Swami Pillay and Nautarâm Ultamrâm Trivedi—all of whom are voluntary workers and to whom therefore our thanks are doubly due.

New Branches.

I am glad to say that 15 new Branches were chartered this year as against 4 in the last, and 6 old but dormant ones re-awakened. In addition to those already mentioned, we had a Branch started at Maleguon by our Brother Dadoba Sakharam and another at Habiganj by Babu Umanath Ghoshal, Munsif, in whom we have a staunch friend. Babu Srish Chandra Bose revived the Koormachal T. S. at Nainital and Mr. Ramanujam Pillay recalled into activity the Tirupatur Branch.

New Members.

Our rolls have been swelled this year by 355 new members. Of these 115 have been brought to our fold by Brother K. Narayanaswami Aiyar. In all 49 Branches had new members. I subjoin a chart to show the comparative progress of the work. I shall only add here that our Section never showed better activity than in the year under review.

	New Branches formed.	Old Branches revived.	New Centres opened.	New Members joined.
1895	... 0	... 3	... 2	... 93
1896	... 4	... 0	... 2	... 120
1897	... 15	... 6	... 0	... 355

Prasnottara.

Although I have been complimented by some careful readers of the *Prasnottara* for having brought that little paper to a fair level, I am only too keenly conscious of its many defects that are still crying for remedy. Personally I am unable to do much for it. I accepted its editorship and am still continuing in that post because it was and is thought inseparable from the office of the General Secretary. For the "News and Notes," "Cuttings and Comments," portion of it I relied upon my sub-editor and the Assistant Secretary. But I have not received from either of them any great help.

Finance.

The figures given below show an increase in our income this year of Rs. 1,077-7-11 over that of the last and of Rs. 3,565 nearly, over that of the year before. This is indeed creditable to our members, and when we remember that over and above this they subscribed cheerfully Rs. 6,000 and

upwards to the funds we raised at the last Convention for the relief of the famine-stricken people of the country, Rs. 2,500 or thereabouts to help Mrs. Besant in her American work and nearly Rs. 2,300 towards her travelling expense from London and back, besides bearing the whole cost of her lengthy tour in India, we cannot but feel the deepest gratitude and the subtlest kind of joy for our members. Our expenditure this year is about Rs. 450 in excess of that of the last. But bearing in mind that our last year was one of ten months only, that excess is merely nominal, and is in no way due to any want of economy. The Headquarter's staff is oftener to blame for the apathy that is seen in the Branches than we have been willing to admit.

The following is a comparative statement of the net income and expenditure of the Section for the last three years; my report on this head is not complete until I tell you that our especial and most cordial thanks are due to our ever-generous Bros. Tookarâm Tatya and Norendranath Mitra for their very handsome donations to the Section and to Mrs. Besant's travelling expenses, and also to our Treasurer Mokshodadâs Mitra for his careful management of the finances.

A comparative statement of net income and expenditure of the last 3 years:—

	Total Net Income.				Total Net Expenditure.		
	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
1895 ...	3,411	11	6		4,698	7	6
1896 ...	5,898	11	0		4,503	4	11
1897 ...	6,976	2	11	*to 30th Sept.*	4,959	14	3

We commenced our financial year with a balance of Rs. 3,765-8-10 and closed it with a balance of Rs. 5,781-13-6 which is very hopeful and comforting.

Our Branches.

Last year we had 108 active branches to which 15 new ones have been added and six old ones revived this year. Of these however 8 have fallen dormant, namely:—(1) Boalia, (2) Bhavani, (3) Gorrakpur, (4) Jamalpur, (5) Kanigiri, (6) Mongtiyer, (7) Simla, (8) Vizianagaram. "The Metropolis Branch of India" and the Secretary, T. S., have since been struck off from our list. So we have now 120 active Branches.

Obituary.

As everywhere else, so in our own ranks, death is always busy, and it has this year carried off from our midst 9 of our good brethren.

The Central Theosophical Famine Relief Committee.

One of the most important duties assumed this year by the Section was that of alleviating to the best of its powers the unspeakeable sufferings of the famishing millions of India. By aiding and supplementing the Government efforts in this noble work. The task was a momentous one and we were all impressed with its seriousness. Its benevolent character however appealed fervently to

true Theosophists and we succeeded in getting together groups of high-souled and energetic members of our Section to undertake it.

Conclusion. After the storm comes the calm, and in the calm order restores itself. All internal growth takes place in times of tranquillity. Troubles and trepidations are great purifiers and are always full of salutary lessons. But these lessons can be assimilated only when the tempest has ceased.

Now our Society stands upon a rock firmer than ever before, like a triumphant fortress that has over and over again beaten back various assailants with no loss to itself but rather a fresh acquisition of real power after each inroad.

The praise of a silly and supercilious world is of no value to the man who has renounced its vain pleasures, its ephemeral glories. His peace rests upon the purity of his conscience, the selfless devotion of his heart to what is good and true, the perfect harmony of his own will with the Divine and finally upon that illumination of the Soul wherein the unity of all selves is realized and the Supreme is seen! May such peace be ours! May the world return to it and its din and chatter be lost in its inaffable bliss!

U. Basu,
Jt. General Secy., Indian Section. T. S.

Report of Branch Inspector R. Jagannathiah for the year 1897.

I visited the following places during the year:—

(1) Cuddapah (twice), (2) Nellore, (3) Venkatagiri, (4) Kalahasti, (5) Tirupati, (6) Gudur, (7) Tallaprodatur, (8) Nandalore, (9) Kamalapur, (10) Muddanur (twice), (11) Jammalamadugu, (12) Bezwada (twice), (13) Masulipatam, (14) Guntur, (15) Kudatani, (16) Badanahatty, (17) Korugodu, (18) Somasamudram, (19) Chaganore, and some villages in the Bellary District.

In all the above places I preached in vernacular to large masses in the bazaar on Theosophy, Hindu religion, Moral and Scientific subjects. Lectures were delivered in large towns in English for the English educated people:—

Besides these lectures, I preached on invitation in several families, for the benefit of women on "Womanly Virtue," &c. The lectures and preachings were always very much appreciated, as could be testified by very favourable notices in the Newspapers.

At Bezwada I preached for eleven days at a Mela—the Krishna Pushkaras, which happens once in twelve years. I had splendid success here and at Masulipatam. At the latter place, my lecture on "Krishna, the Saviour of the World," was very well received and appreciated. At Krishna Pushkaras I had some friendly discussions with the Christian Preachers and the result was in my favour.

The sphere has been widening, and I wish to include some other parts also in my circle next year. This work I have been engaged in for the past twelve years, and I am glad to report it is more endearing than at first, as people have been appreciating it more and more.

May the Revered Masters enable me, their humble Servant, to do more work next year is my humble prayer.

KURUGODU near BELLARY,
18th November 1897.

R. JAGANNATHIAH.

REPORT OF THE AUSTRALASIAN SECTION.

To the President-Founder of the Theosophical Society.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honour to report to you that the number of Branches now on the roll of the Australasian Section of the T. S. is thirteen (13), one Branch having been chartered at Perth W. A., and one at Mt. David, near Rockley N. S. W.

There is a possibility that two or three of the active centres spoken of in last year's Report will shortly develop into Branches.

The roll of membership in this Section now amounts to 384; eighty new members having joined since last year, and thirty-three names, erased at the last revision, having been reinstated.

The Third Annual Convention of this Section was held in Sydney on April 16th. There was a representative gathering of delegates from Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Brisbane, and duly appointed proxies for the other Branches.

In view of the death of our much respected late General Secretary Mr. J. C. Staples and my own inability to leave Sydney, it was decided to accept the kind offer of Miss Lilian Edger, General Secretary of the New Zealand Section, to spend three months visiting and lecturing in the Australian towns where suitable arrangements could be made.

Beginning in Sydney on May 12th, Miss Edger with ever increasing audiences, and growing interest and commendation from the press, gradually worked her way northwards to Brisbane, Gympie, Maryborough and Rockhampton.

Here she was joined by yourself, and your combined efforts in that town and in Maryborough, Bundaberg, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart, have resulted in a large accession of membership, and in much better and more sustained activity amongst those who were already members.

The sale of literature throughout the different Book depôts has been, so far as we can learn, better than last year. Our monthly magazine has been much improved in appearance during the year, and still continues to be the official organ of both this and the New Zealand Sections.

Yours fraternally,
JAMES SCOTT,
Honorary General Secretary.

REPORT OF THE NEW ZEALAND SECTION T. S

To the President-Founder of the T. S.

Dear Sir and Brother :—I have the honour to submit to you the following report of the New Zealand Section for the year ending November 1st, 1897.

The number of members at the beginning of the year was 128; the statistics for the year are :—Number of members resigned 3; left the colony 4; died 1; admitted 47; present number 167.

One new Branch has been formed during the year, at Wanganui, bringing the total number of Branches in the Section to 8; but two of these, the Wanganui and the Waitemata, are at present inactive. The others are all working steadily and methodically both in propaganda and in study, along the lines described in the last report.

The First Annual Convention of the Section was held in January at Wellington, as reported to you at the time—and it did much to bind the members together more closely and to stimulate the Section to greater activity.

The chief item of interest during the year has been the visit of the President-Founder, who arrived in Dunedin on August 25th, accompanied by the General Secretary of the Section. During the seven weeks of his tour, he visited the Branches at Dunedin, Christchurch, Wellington, Pahiatua, Woodville, and Auckland; and also spent a few days at Nelson in the hope of reviving the interest that had been aroused there during the preceding year. He delivered eighteen lectures, the most popular being those dealing with Spiritualism and the Divine Art of Healing as scientific subjects. In the more important places large audiences were attracted, and in all the interest in Theosophy was increased, and much was done towards breaking down prejudice and antagonism. In addition to the public lectures, Branch meetings were held in all places, and also receptions at the private houses of members. The latter afforded an opportunity of making the influence of the lectures more permanent, and helped to increase the membership of the Section. The President-Founder left Auckland for Sydney on October 12th, leaving behind him many devoted friends and admirers. His visit has not only given an impetus to the work of the Section, but has drawn the members much more closely to the Head-quarters by the attraction of his personality. Previously, Adyar had to some been little more than a name, and but little was known of the working of the Society as a whole; now this is changed, a link having been formed between the Section and the President; and some at least of the members recognise the importance of keeping it unbroken.

Owing to my absence in Australia during four months, in response to an invitation from the Australasian Section to visit their Branches, I have been unable to devote so much time to the New Zealand Branches as during the preceding year. But the visit of the President rendered any other assistance to the Branches unnecessary, and the routine work

was attended to as usual during my absence, by the Assistant General Secretary.

I have to report also that a change has been made in the officers of the Section. As you wish that I should take up other work in connection with both the Australasian and New Zealand Sections, I have resigned my position as General Secretary. Mr. C. W. Sanders of Auckland was nominated as General Secretary on your recommendation, and has been appointed by the Executive Committee.

I am,
Yours fraternally,
LILIAN EDGER,
late General Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND, *November 1st*, 1897.

REPORT OF THE SCANDINAVIAN SECTION T. S.

To the President-Founder of the Theosophical Society.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—When my last yearly report was sent in, the Scandinavian Section contained 304 members. Since then 66 new ones have been admitted; but as 29 have left, the total number of members to-day amounts to 341.

The Hernosand Lodge of Sweden exists no more, its breaking up being resolved upon the 22nd of November 1896, most of its members having left the Society.

To make up for this loss, a new Lodge was founded the 16th of October under the name of Bäfrast, in Lulea, a Swedish town, situated in the polar regions—it already numbers 16 members, with Mr. S. T. Sven-Nilsson as President.

In the Lodges, especially of Stockholm, Gotenburg, Lund, Solleftea, Christiania and Copenhagen, a good amount of work of a very satisfactory kind has been carried on. Even in the Theosophical centre in Helsingfors (Finland) active Theosophical work is in steady progression and a library with reading-room opened for public use the 10th of January. The last 10th of March a new Theosophical centre was founded in Westerwik (Sweden), which already has its lending library.

Many original lectures have been delivered in the Lodges and a respectable number of public lectures in different parts of the section, owing to a marked increase in its general activity. In addition to this, Mrs. A. Besant's book, "In the Outer Court," has been read and much appreciated.

On the 29th and 30th of May, the second Annual Convention of the Section was held in Stockholm. On this occasion we had the great pleasure of receiving as our guest the General Secretary of the European Section Mr. G. R. S. Mead. New rules of the Section, chiefly of the same nature as the old ones, were then accepted; the Section's

annual fees of five kronor (six shillings) being replaced by voluntary contributions.

The following officers elected were at the Convention: General Secretary, Mr. A. Zettersten; Executive Committee: Dr. Emil Zander (vice-chairman), Mr. G. Kinell, Mrs. F. Ingeström, Miss F. von Betzen and Mr. G. Zander (treasurer); moreover the Presidents of all the Lodges are members ex-officio of the Committee.

On the second day of the Convention, the 30th of May, public lectures were delivered by Mr. Mead concerning "Theosophy during the First Two Centuries" and by Mr. S. T. Sven-Nilsson about "The Dearth of Culture-promoting Ideas." These lectures were delivered to a very large and appreciative audience.

On the 10th of February was celebrated the ninth anniversary of the first theosophical organisation in Scandinavia, and on May 8th, White Lotus Day.

During the year the following works have been published:

(*a*) TRANSLATIONS:—"The Secret Doctrine," by H. P. Blavatsky; Vol. II, 2 issues;

"In the Outer Court," by A. Besant;

(*b*) PAMPHLETS:—Three original ones, by S. T. Sven-Nilsson and A. Knos;

One translation from A. Besant;

(*c*) MAGAZINES:—*Teosofisk Tidskrift*, editor in Stockholm, 10 issues; *Balder*, edited in Christiania (Norway), by R. Eriksen, 2 issues.

This summer also the Section was remembered by its Honorary Member the Countess C. Wachtmeister with a very fair donation. Her son, the Count Axel Wachtmeister, paid a flying visit to Stockholm and Gotenburg in October.

The 1st October last the bureau and library of the Section was removed from Sturegatan 28, to Master Samuel's gatan 13, in Stockholm. Mr. G. Kinell was elected Librarian.

I hope, my dear President, that you by this report will see, that we, though reduced in number after the secession of last year, have not lost courage, but undauntedly try to advance towards our great goal: the enlightenment and elevation of mankind.

A list of the Lodges of the Section is enclosed.

Most faithfully and sincerely yours,

A. ZETTERSTEN,

General Secretary.

STOCKHOLM, *November 1st*, 1897.

REPORT OF THE NETHERLANDS SECTION T. S.

To the President-Founder of the Theosophical Society.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :—For the first time I send you an official report of the activities of the Netherlands Section. Since we received our first Branch charter from H. P. Blavatsky in 1891, we have been working steadily, although at first with little apparent success.

The difficulties in the beginning were great; only three of our number understood English and there was as yet no literature in Dutch.

But during that first year a little group was formed of earnest workers, who have stood firm amid the storms, which have shaken the Society, and these have formed a nucleus around which an ever-increasing number of earnest men and women have grouped themselves, until in the spring of this year, the Seventh Lodge having received its Charter, we were enabled to apply to you for permission to form a separate Section in order to facilitate matters of organisation. May 14th, the day of our enrollment as the seventh Section of the Theosophical Society, has become for us a day of historical importance.

Since our incorporation as a separate Section we have issued 34 certificates of membership to new members, so that on the 1st of November our Section numbers 150 branch members, 13 unattached members and 20 associates.

The Amsterdam Lodge numbers 68 members. All the Lodges, Vlaardingen excepted, possess lending Libraries containing all that has as yet been published in Dutch and the standard English Theosophical works. All the Lodges hold weekly meetings and at least one evening in the month is given to the public. The Amsterdam Lodge, in addition to the regular Lodge meeting on Thursday (the syllabus of these lectures and those of the other lodges already appeared in *Theosophia* and need no further mention) has set apart Monday evening from 8 to 10 as a question evening. This is intended more especially for outsiders interested in Theosophy and for the younger members who are often shy of joining in the debate following the lectures on Thursday evening. Tuesday evening a class is held for the consecutive study of the *Secret Doctrine* and is very regularly attended. Classes in English and Sanskrit (preliminary course) are open to members of the Theosophical Society on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The class for Sanskrit reading held in the headquarters every Saturday evening has been incorporated under the activities of the Vahana Lodge to which several of the members belong and which is an offshoot of the Amsterdam Lodge—a class for mathematics, open to members and associates, has been arranged for Wednesday afternoons beginning with November.

The Vahana Lodge, in addition to the Sanskirt course already mentioned, has opened a weekly class for theoretical and practical geometry which started with seventeen members (the number of members is now 27) and meets regularly on Friday evenings.

But the most cherished scheme of the Vahana Lodge is the compilation and publication of a Theosophical Dictionary or rather Encyclopædia which shall contain all imaginable information on matters theosophical. Needless to say this project will require a good many years before it materialises itself into book form. The Hague Lodge has also set apart one evening in the week, Tuesdays, for questions, Wednesdays, for English and Fridays for the study of the *Key to Theosophy.* The Lodge meeting is held in the Hague on Sunday morning.

In addition to the regular lectures a good many public lectures have been held in various parts of the country and articles on Theosophy have appeared in many of the Provincial newspapers.

In the first years of our existence the papers would have nothing to do with us and refused any articles sent in. But things have changed and they now not only accept, willingly, articles on the subject, but give as a rule very fair reports of our public lectures. Now they take the trouble to write against us. The Roman Catholic papers have recently devoted a good deal of time and paper to giving first a sort of réchauffè of all theosophical ideas and then trying to prove them to be fallacies. This is of course a splendid advertisement.

Several books are in course of translation. They will probably appear first in *Theosophia*, this being the readiest means available for making them known among our non-English-speaking brethren.

Three small books have appeared this year: *Op de Zuiderzee*, by E. Stark, *A simple sketch of Theosophy*, by Afra and a *First Acquaintance with Theosophy*, by Multaspero. This last named has proved very successful and is in great demand. The 2nd editions of the *Seven Principles*, and of *Reincarnation* are in the press.

Our first Annual Convention was held on July 18th and passed off very successfully. Mr. Mead, General Secretary of the European Section, was present and by request opened the Convention with a most appropriate speech. W. B. Fricke was then chosen as Chairman of the Convention and the business of electing the Executive Committee and of considering the rules of the Section was proceeded with. The Sectional constitution and rules were made, with a few alterations entirely in conformity with those of the European Section. A hall was taken for the Convention in the middle of the town. Between 50 and 60 members attended the business meetings of the morning and afternoon. The evening meeting (open to visitors with introduction) was crowded. Addresses were given by G. R. S. Mead, Mrs. Windust, W. B. Fricke and Mrs. Meuleman. The chief points of Mr. Mead's address were very ably rendered in Dutch by Mr. J. van Manen, for those unacquainted with that language.

A photograph of the Convention, taken after the afternoon meeting, is a pleasant reminiscence for all present of one of the most important days in the annals of Theosophical work in Holland.

And now, Mr. President, it only remains for me to convey to you and to our brethren in Convention assembled, the most hearty greetings and cordial good wishes of every member of the Netherlands Section. Trusting you may long be spared to guide, encourage and strengthen the Society to which you have devoted your life,

I am, dear Sir,
Yours fraternally,
W. B. FRICKE,
General Secretary.

CEYLON EDUCATIONAL WORK.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT FOR 1897.

Colonel H. S. Olcott, President T. S.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward the annual report for 1897 from which it will be seen that the ratio of progress has been maintained.

In 1892, the number of registered schools was 9, in 1893 the number rose to 25, in 1894 to 34, in 1896 to 54 and in 1897 to 64.

The attendance of children in 1894 was 6,583, in 1896 the number rose to 11,070 and in the present year it is over 13,910.

The increase in the number of schools and of children makes it not only prudent but imperative, that a change may be introduced in the organization of the managing staff. At present the schools are classified in three circuits, with Kandy as the centre for the schools in the Central and North Western Provinces, Colombo as the centre for schools in the Western, Southern, and Uva Provinces, and Galle as the centre for the Mahinda College and neighbouring schools.

I would propose for your approval the formation of a central board of Education for the Island with provincial boards, and that individual managers be appointed for each school or group of schools, such Manager being responsible to the Director of Public Instruction and to the Provincial Board.

The details of the scheme will be forwarded to you after approval by the Societies at Colombo, Kandy and Galle.

There has been hardly any friction either with the Department or with the other Educational Bodies. The Department has however issued a circular to all Managers that Government will not be prepared in future to register schools in populous districts but only in neglected and outlying districts.

The Colombo Circuit English Schools	3, Boys'...	450
" "	1, Girls'...	71
Vernacular "	47, Boys'...	12,033
" "	13, Girls'...	1,356
		13,910

Of this total the number of registered English Schools is 3 and the number of registered Vernacular Schools is 28.

During 1897 the following schools were registered :—

1. Moragalla Boys' School. 2. Indibedda Mixed, and 3. Koholana Mixed.

During 1897 the following schools were opened :

1. Ambalangoda, English Boys'. 2. Kataluwa, Vernacular Boys'. 3. Kotadeniyawa, Vernacular Boys'. 4. Mattumagales, Vernacular Boys'. 5. Nagoda, Vernacular Mixed. 6. Sanghamitta, Vernacular Girls'. 7. Nirvandama, Vernacular Boys'. 8. Uggalboda, Vernacular Mixed. 9. Kalutara, Vernacular Boys'. 10. Katana, Vernacular Boys'. 11. Thebuwana, Vernacular Mixed. 12. Mahima, Vernacular Boys'.

A. E. BULTJENS,
General Manager.

REPORT OF THE BUDDHIST PRESS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH NOVEMBER, 1897.

Colonel H. S. Olcott. President-Founder T. S.

DEAR SIR,

I beg respectfully to submit my report for the year ending 30th November 1897. I feel great pleasure to write here of the satisfactory progress of the several Departments of the Buddhist Press, Our Sinhalese newspaper the *Sandaresa*, which is the most important one in connection with my supervision has now the largest circulation of, I should say, all the newspapers published in the Island. The number of those who use its columns for the purpose of inserting advertisements has also very largely increased and we have now to issue almost every week large supplements. Since the paper is now recognised by all the Sinhalese Buddhists as their only organ, and since it has become, to some extent, a success in a financial point of view also, I intend to ask our Society to allow me either to enlarge the present size of the paper or to make it a Daily. For this purpose a new Patent fast machine will be required. I hope our friends and sympathisers will help me in this matter. The Jobbing Department has been considerably enlarged and a set of Tamil type was also purchased during the year. Now we are able to execute any work in English, Sinhalese, or Tamil languages.

Mr. Leadbeater's useful little catechism, the *Sisubodya*, first part and second, has gone through three editions during the year, and another edition of Col. Olcott's *Buddhist Catechism* in Sinhalese was also printed. The *Sati Pattana Sutra*, a Buddhist psychological work, and an edition of Bennet's Lectures in Ceylon are now in the Press. A large order of Prospectus and tickets in connection with the One Cent Fund, a most laudable and useful scheme initiated by our President-Founder, is being executed. I hope I will be able to write about this matter more fully in my next report.

I am sorry to say that in spite of all my endeavours I have not been fully able to bring our weekly English organ, the Buddhist, to a successful standard. This is chiefly owing to the want of able contributors who could write in English on subjects regarding Buddhism. I propose to try it for some time more as a monthly magazine, commencing from the next volume.

The general business management of the Society is also in a progressive condition. The itinerating preacher, Mr. Pragnaratna, is doing good work in the villages,—collecting subscriptions to the *Sandaresa*, getting new subscribers and preaching to the people. He has opened during the year several schools which are working very satisfactorily. The Fancy Bazaar in aid of our schools held in September last, when compared with similar Bazaars held previously, was a thorough success. The thanks of the Buddhists are due to our friends and sympathisers in Europe, Australia, and America, who contributed substantially for this Bazaar. During the Cholera epidemic of December and January last we distributed, altogether 23,843 pills, which helped, to a large extent, to check the spread of the disease.

In conclusion, I have to thank my several assistants for their disinterestedness in bringing the different branches of work of the Buddhist Press to a satisfactory issue.

Yours fraternally,

COLOMBO, 7*th December* 1897. — H. S. PERERA, *Manager*.

REPORT OF THE GALLE BUDDHIST THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 1897.

GALLE CIRCUIT.

THE BUDDHIST THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,
GALLE, 7*th December* 1897.

To Col. H. S. Olcott, President, Theosophical Society.

I am happy to report that the Society is taking a deep interest in educational matters.

1. Mahinda College is daily progressing. In last April Mr. N. Balasubramanyan, M. A., was appointed as Principal. A class for F. A. Calcutta is to be opened after the next Entrance Examination. At the last Government Examination a fair grant was earned, and the Inspector expressed a favourable opinion as to the future of the institution.

2. Kalegana Primary English School is showing fair results; a handsome grant was earned at the last examination.

3. Dangedere Mixed Vernacular School is a success. The highest grant it ever earned was this year.

4. North Dangedera Mixed School. A large building at the expense of about Rs. 1,000 was erected. It is not yet registered.

5. Meepawala Boys' School is progressing, and it earned a fair grant this year.

6. Ganegama Boys' School is a success after a good deal of difficulties brought to bear by opposing influence. Its first examination was held in June last and earned a very fair grant.

7. Hiniduma Mixed School. This was opened in last January and is working well. It will be visited by the Inspector in the early part of next year.

8. Miliduwa Boys' School has a large attendance. It is not yet registered. Arrangements are being made to open a few more schools in neglected parts.

The balance sheet of the national fund is not yet ready, but it will be forwarded in the early part of next year.

I remain, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
O. A. JAYASEKERE,
Secretary.

KANDY CIRCUIT.

The following schools are under the management of the Kandy Branch of the Theosophicol Society :—

REGISTERED SCHOOLS.

(1) Kandy Boys' English School, 277; (2) Matale Boys' English School, 97; (3) Hatton Boys' English School, 113; (4) Katugastota Boys' English School, 183; (5) Kurunegala Boys' English School, 95; (6) Nawalapitiya Boys' English School, 129; (7) Ampitiya Boys' English School, 60; (8) Panwila Boys' English School, 46; (9) Gampola Vernacular Mixed, 140; (10) Rattota Vernacular Mixed, 88; (11) Hanguranketa Vernacular Mixed, 120; (12) Manikawa Vernacular Mixed, 56; (13) Maturata Vernacular Mixed, 143; (14) Padiyapellella Vernacular Mixed, 140; (15) Ataragalla Vernacular Boys', 160; (16) Dankande Vernacular Boys', 43; (17) Millagahalanga Vernacular Boys', 59; (18) Bembiya Vernacular Boys', 22; (19) Paneliya Vernacular Boys', 40; (20) Kandy Vernacular Girls', 136; (21) Katugastota Vernacular Girls', 75; (22) Ampitiya Vernacular Girls', 61; (23) Kadugannawa Vernacular Girls', 66; (24) Iriyagama Vernacular Girls', 56; (25) Panwila Vernacular Girls', 23; (26) Wattegama Vernacular Girls', 54; (27) Mailapitiya Vernacular Girls', 55; (28) Rambukkana Vernacular Girls', 55; (29) Galagedara Vernacular Girls', 33; (30) Digane Vernacular Girls', 32.

UNREGISTERED SCHOOLS.

(31) Ulapane Vernacular Boys', 44; (32) Mahawewe Vernacular Boys', 134; (33) Talwatte Vernacular Girls', 49. Total 2,884.

It will be seen from this list that we have eight English schools with an attendance of 1,000 and 25 Sinhalese schools with an attendance

of 1,884. Of the vernacular schools 6 are mixed schools, 7 boys' and 12 girls' schools. An English Boarding school for Kandyan girls under European supervision is a serious want which, if not supplied early, is likely to produce grave consequences in the near future. Since in the absence of a Buddhist institution of that kind, Buddhist parents are compelled to send their Girls to Christian Boarding schools, opened for the above purpose of proselytizing.

Of the Thirty Registered schools, 26 were examined for grant in 1897—the total amount earned being Rs. 6,600. The applications for the Registration of the Ulapane and Mahawewe schools are before the Educational Department. Our English High School in Kandy is making very satisfactory progress. The last Government examination was a great success, the grant being, if I am not mistaken, the largest yet earned by a Buddhist school. At the Cambridge Local and Calcutta Matriculation Examinations, too, several candidates appearing from this school have passed.

With the view of relieving Mr. D. B. Jayatilaka from the work of visiting the outstation schools and also of increasing their efficiency by frequent supervision, Mr. M. Batuwantudawe of the Matale English school was appointed about the Middle of this year, as our Sub-Inspector. Mr. Batuwantudawe has already done useful work which proves the wisdom of this appointment.

In conclusion, I have to thank the several gentlemen who have done good work as local managers of our schools, and I confidently hope that I shall be in a position to report further progress in our next year's work.

W. A. Dullewe,
Manager of Buddhist Schools C. P.

Kandy, *Dec. 6th*, 1897.

CELEBRATION OF THE 22D ANNIVERSARY.

As usual, the Anniversary of the Society was publicly celebrated on the 28th December, at Victoria Public Hall, Madras. The building was thronged to its full capacity, over 2,000 persons being present, and great enthusiasm prevailed. The addresses this year were by the President-Founder; Dr. Arthur Richardson, Ph. D.; H. R. H. the Prince-priest of Siam (by written paper, read for him by the President-Founder); Babu Roshan Lal, Barrister-at-Law, Allahabad; Mr. Harry Banbery, F. T. S.; Mr. A. F. Knudsen, F. T. S., of Hawaian Islands; and Miss Lilian Edger, M.A. The President called attention to the fact that at the fifteen annual functions like the present, which had been held in Madras, he had placed before them speakers from England, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, the United States, Japan, Ceylon, Russia, France and Tibet; he now added to this list, which so strikingly proves the world-wide spread of Theosophical ideas, friends from New Zealand, Siam and the Sandwich Islands. Dr. Richardson gave a most interesting account of his observations on the Plague at Bombay; the paper of the Prince of Siam expressed his views upon Practical Theosophy; and Miss Edger closed with a brief but heart-touching address which was applauded to the echo.

It is conceded by all that the Theosophical Society has never stood higher in public esteem than it does now.

LIBRARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.	Amount. RS.	A.	P.	EXPENSES.	Amount. RS.	A.	P.
Balance on 24th Dec. 1896.	313	6	5	Purchase of Books during present year.	79	15	0
DONATIONS:—				Binding Books do ...	15	6	0
Mr. T. Sadasiva Iyer, (*Dindigul*)	5	0	0	Freight on Books do ...	1	12	6
" T. N. Ramachendra Iyer, (*Salem*) ...	15	0	0	Subscriptions to periodicals during present year.	42	1	0
" Purmeshri Das, (*Bara Banki*)	4	0	0	Establishment charges during present year.	467	0	0
" R. Sooria Row, (*Vizagapatum*)	30	0	0	Stationery do ...	13	3	9
" C. Sambiah, (*Mylapore*)	18	0	0	Repairs do ...	3	7	0
Interest from Post Office Savings Bank for 1896-97	19	6	6	Sundries do ...	20	0	0
Loan from Head-quarters Fund	250	0	0		642	13	3
Sale of Duplicate Books...	3	7	0	Cash on hand and in Post Office Savings Bank ...	215	6	8
Annual Donation for 1897 from Babu Narandra Nath Mitter's Gift to the Library	200	0	0				
Total Rs...	858	3	11	Total Rs...	858	3	11

PERMANENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.	Amount. RS.	A.	P.	EXPENSES.	Amount. RS.	A.	P.
Balance on 24th December 1896 ...	21,163	6	9	Withdrawal fee ¼ °/o on Government Pro-Notes of Rs. 15,000 transferred to effect a Mortgage at a higher interest ...	37	8	0
Interest on Government Pro-Notes of Rs. 17,000 from 1st November 1894 to 1st November 1896 as per Madras Bank Memo. on file ...	1,445	2	11	Telegraphic fee to Benares	1	0	0
Interest on Government Pro-Notes of Rs. 4,000 from 1st Nov. 1894 to 1st Nov. 1896 do do.	340	0	6	Withdrawal fee on Government Pro-Notes of Rs. 1,000 for the same purpose ...	2	8	0
Sale of Casuarina trees at the T. S. Head Quarters.	3,500	0	0	Renewal fee on Pro-Notes of Rs. 100 ...	0	4	0
Interest on Government Pro-Notes of Rs. 5,900 from Nov. 1, 1896 to May 1, 1897 do ...	100	5	1	Income-tax on Rs. 15,000 of Government P. Notes.	5	9	0
Interest on Government Pro-Notes of Rs.100 from Feb. 1 to August 1, 1897 as per memo. ...	1	7	7	Renewal Fee on the same.	6	0	0
Post Office Savings Bank Interest for 1896-97 ...	4	2	0	Brokerage do ...	18	12	0
Interest on Government Pro-Notes of Rs. 4,900 from May 1, to Nov. 1, 1897 ..	83	4	2	Brokerage and Income-tax on Rs. 1,000 Government Pro-Notes ...	1	6	0
Interest on Government Pro-Notes of Rs. 15,000 from Nov. 1 to March 28, 1897 taken out for Mortgage per Mr. U. Basu ...	215	13	0	Interest Transferred to Head-Qrs. Fd. for the current expenses ...	1,845	6	0
Premium on Government Pro-Notes of Rs. 15,000.	131	4	0	Amount loaned out on Mortgage at 10½ p. c. interest ...	20,000	0	0
Premium and Interest of Government Pro-Notes of Rs. 1,000 ...	30	0	0	Government Pro-Notes in the custody of the Madras Bank ...	5,000	0	0
					26,918	5	0
				In Post Office Savings Bank ...	7	0	9
				In cash ...	89	8	3
Rs...	27,014	14	0	Rs...	27,014	14	0

T. SUBBA RAO MEDAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.	Amount.			EXPENSES.	Amount.		
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
Balance on 24th December 1896 ...	634	4	9	Paid for a Medal presented to Mr. A. P. Sinnett of London ...	51	7	2
Interest on Post Office Saving Bank amount for 1896-97...	19	11	0	Cash in Post Office Savings Bank ...	600	0	9
				Cash on hand ...	2	7	10
	653	15	9		653	15	9

BLAVATSKY MEMORIAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.	Amount.		
	RS.	A.	P.
Balance on 24th December 1896	2,681	6	10
Interest on Government Pro-Notes of Rs. 2,600 from August 1,1894 to February 1,1897	221	0	9
Interest on Government Pro-Notes of Rs. 2,600 from July 1,1897 to August 1,1897	44	1	8
Total Rs...	2,946	9	3

OLCOTT PENSION FUND.

RECEIPTS.	Amount.		
	RS.	A.	P.
Balance on 24th Dec. 1896	2,574	0	11
Interest on Government Pro-Notes of Rs. 2,000 from August 1,1894 to February 1,1897	170	0	1
Mr. Jai Dutt Joshi, Garhwa	10	0	0
Interest on Government Pro-Notes of Rs. 2,000 from February 1 to August 1, 1897	34	1	0
Interest on Government Pro-Notes of Rs. 400 from January 1,1897 to June 30,1897	5	9	6
Total Rs...	2,793	11	6

HEAD-QUARTERS FUND.

1897.

RECEIPTS.	Amount. Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENSES.	Amount. Rs.	A.	P.
Balance on 24th December 1896	922	0	11	Food for guests ...	119	2	0
				Postage and telegrams ...	74	7	0
				Printing and stationery ...	622	4	5
DONATIONS:—				Repairs ...	1,000	15	8
Mr. Robert Cross, Norwich £25-0-0	387	2	0	Travelling expenses ...	3,478	9	6
				Stable expenses ...	455	12	6
„ A. P. Sinnett for London Lodge £5-0-0 ...	80	0	0	Establishment ...	1,628	7	1
				Loans raised and returned...	500	0	0
„ A. F. Knudsen of Sandwich Islands ...	50	0	0	Sundries including foreign freight, conveyance, taxes, lights, charity, table utensils, improvement of gardens and odd items ...	557	1	8
„ Kirti Chandra Roy for Berhampur, T. S. ...	4	0	0				
Mrs. E. K. Rogers 1.00 Mr. Wm. L. Ducy 10.00 „ D. D. Chidester 10.00 „ F. H. Brooks 50 Mrs. S. B. Rotner 2.00 $23.50 = £4-16-0...	75	8	0				
St. Paul, T. S. 11*s.* 2*d.* ...	8	4	0				
An F. T. S., Burma, ..	500	0	0				
Mr. P. Nanjunda Naidu, Shimoga	3	0	0				
„ David D. Chidester £ 3-1-1 „ Do „ 0-15-8 „ Do „ 0-5-1 „ Do „ 1-0-4 „ Do „ 1-0-5	97	2	0				
„ A. Schwarz, Colombo ...	25	0	0				
„ Anantrai Nathjee Mehta..	84	0	6				
„ Peter de Abrew, Colombo	5	0	0				
„ Norman S. Clark of San Francisco £ 1 ...	15	8	0				
Dr. W. A. English, Head-Quarters	20	0	0				
Mr. C. Sambiah, Mylapore ...	18	0	0				
Special donations for the President-Founder's tour in Australian Colonies— Maryborough, T. S. £4-6-6 Mr. Charlton £5-0-0 Mrs. Nicol £1-0-0 Brisbane, T. S. £3-12-7 Sydney, T. S. £19-10-11 Mr. Wiedersehn £1-0-0 Mr. Chandler and Mr. Lohrli £0-10-0 Melbourne, T. S. £2-8-8 Collection at Bathurst £0-8-0 Mr. Wiedersehn for Bathurst trip £10-0-0 Adelaide, T. S. from lectures £3-15-6							
Carried over...	2,294	8	11		8,436	11	10

HEAD-QUARTERS FUND.—(*Continued.*)

1897.

RECEIPTS.	Amount. Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENSES.	Amount. Rs.	A.	P.
Brought forward...	2,294	8	11	Brought forward...	8,436	11	10
Mr. Knox ... £ 5-0-0							
„ Arthur Marshin.. £ 0-0-3							
Donations in N. Z. Colonies							
Dunedin T. S. ... £ 2-6-3							
Christ Church T. S. £10-0-0							
Pahiatua T. S. ... £ 1-9-0							
Auckland T. S. ... £15-0-0							
Mr. C. W. Sandors £ 1-0-0							
Countess Wachtmeister £20-0-0							
£106-7-8	1,702	1	0				
Mr. G. R. S. Mead, General Secretary, European Section ... £46-18-1	750	7	0				
„ Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section T. S., 25 p. c. dues ...	1,546	5	6				
Do Donation	25	0	0				
Babu Upendranath Basu, Joint General Secretary, Indian Section, Balance of 25 p. c., dues for 1896 ...	250	0	0				
Do 1897 ...	1,286	0	0				
H. Wiederseln £ 5 and Mount David Branch 12-6.	87	2	0				
Scandinavian Sec £29-12-3	466	0	0				
New Zealand Sec £ 4-13-9	71	9	0				
Entrance Fees from Ceylon..	32	0	0				
Sale of copies of *Historical Retrospect* ...	196	10	6				
Sale of garden produce ...	171	6	6				
Sale of broken lamps, kerosine tins and horse grain...	36	0	0				
Donation for President's tour in Ceylon .	125	0	0				
Transferred from Permanent Fund, interest ...	1,877	1	0				
Post Office Savings Bank interest ...	3	3	0				
Jubbulpur T. S. ...	5	0	0				
Loans received back ...	230	0	0				
				Balance...	2,718	10	7
Total Rs..	11,155	6	5	Total Rs...	11,155	6	5

To The President of the Theosophical Society.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—We annex the Account Current of receipts and outlay for the year 1897, compiled from the half yearly reports already sent

Account Current of the Theosophical Society for the

Particulars of Receipts.	Receipts.											
	By Cash.			By transfer.			Total.			Grand Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Balance on 24th December 1896..												
Permanent Fund ...							21,163	6	9			
Anniversary do ...							168	11	1			
Library do ...							313	6	5			
Head-Quarters do ...							922	0	11			
Subba Row Medal do ...							634	4	9			
Blavatsky Memorial do ...							2,681	6	10			
Olcott Pension do ...							2,574	0	11			
Suspense Account ...										28,457	5	8
Receipts during the period from 25th Dec. '96 to 24th Dec. '97...												
Permanent Fund ...	5,474	6	3	...	..	...	5,474	6	3			
Anniversary do ...	1,303	15	1	...	...	...	1,303	15	1			
Library do ...	294	13	6	250	0	0	544	13	6			
Head-Quarters do ...	8,532	11	6	1,200	0	0	9,732	11	6			
Subba Row Medal do ...	19	11	0	...	...	...	19	11	0			
Blavatsky Memorial do ...	265	2	5	...	...	...	265	2	5			
Olcott Pension do ...	219	10	7	...	...	...	219	10	7			
Suspense Account ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...			
Total Receipts...	16,110	6	4	1,450	0	0	17,560	6	4	17,560	6	4
Detail of balances on different Funds ...												
RS. A. P.												
Permanent Fund. 25,096 9 0												
Anniversary do 259 1 3												
Library do 215 6 8												
Hd.-Quarters do 2,718 10 7												
Subba Row Medal do 602 8 7												
Blavatsky Memorial Fund 2,946 9 3												
Olcott Pension do 2,793 11 6												
Suspense Account ...												
Total Rs... 34,632 8 10										46,017	12	0

by us. The 1st half yearly account has been published and the second is included herein.

period from 25th December 1896 *to* 24*th December* 1897.

Particulars of Outlay.	Outlay. By Cash. RS.	A.	P.	By transfer. RS.	A.	P.	Total. RS.	A.	P.	Grand Total. RS.	A.	P.
Permanent Fund	541	4	0	1,000	0	0	1,541	4	0			
Anniversary do ...	913	8	11	300	0	0	1,213	8	11			
Library do ...	642	13	3	...	...	...	642	13	3			
Head-Quarters do	7,936	1	10	...	...	...	7,936	1	10			
Subba Row Medal Fund ...	51	7	2	...	...	...	51	7	2			
Blavatsky Memorial do	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Olcott Pension do	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Suspense Account	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Total...	10,085	3	2	1,300	0	0	11,385	3	2	11,385	3	2
Balance on 24th December 1897...												
Amount lent to Babus Srimantrai and Krishna Rao at 10½ per cent on mortgage of lands in North-West Province ...							20,000	0	0			
Permanent Fund, 3½ per cent. Govt. Paper, deposited for safe custody with the Bank of Madras in the names of Col. Olcott and V. Cooppusawmi Iyer, as per Bank Secretary's receipt ...							5,000	0	0			
Blavatsky Memorial Fund, 3½ per cent. Govt. Paper, deposited for safe custody with ditto, as per Bank Secretary's receipt ...							2,600	0	0			
Olcott Pension Fund, 3½ per cent. Govt. Paper, deposited for safe custody with ditto, as per Bank Secretary's receipt ...							2,400	0	0			
Deposit in Madras Bank as per Bank Pass Book and receipt ...							1,703	9	11			
Post Office Savings Bank Deposits. Permanent Fund 7 0 9; Anniversary do 3 2 0; Head-Quarters do 100 0 0; Library do 5 0 6; Subba Row Medal do 600 0 9							715	4	0			
Cash in the London and Westminster Bank, Limited, in the name of Col. Olcott as per Post Office Schedule No. 42, *vide* President's receipt							394	7	0			
Cash in the chest							1,819	3	11	34,632	8	10
Grand Total...										46,017	12	0

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ANNIVERSARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.	Amount. RS.	A.	P.
Balance on 24th Dec. 1896	168	11	1
DONATIONS:—			
Rai Bahadur Dadobha Sakharam ...	50	0	0
Mr. N. Pichai Pillai, Vedaraniam ...	3	0	0
" D. Gostling, Bombay ...	200	0	0
Donations collected at the last Convention from Mr. T. Rama Chandra Row down to Mr. T. P. Venkateswaralu as per list acknowledged in the suppl. to *Theosophist* for Feby. and March 1897 ...	306	4	0
Mr. Y. Jivaji Row, Cuddalore.	0	8	0
" N. P. Panday, Bombay..	13	0	0
" Dr. Vivecha, do ...	13	0	0
" B. Keightley ...	8	12	0
" Ratnasabhapathi Pillai, Negapatam ...	10	0	0
" J. H. Scroggin (Jackson, U.S.A. ...	3	13	0
" Hon'ble Justice Subrahmanya Iyer ...	100	0	0
" M. Jagannatha Mudaliar, Madras ..	5	0	0
" K. Srinivasa Iyengar, Mylapore. ...	15	0	0
" P. S. Ramasami Iyer, Dharapur ...	2	0	0
" A F. Knudsen ...	3	0	0
" A. Mahadeva Sastri, Mysore ...	10	0	0
" Bapu Row ...	5	0	0
The Madras Branch ...	10	0	0
Countess Wachtmeister ...	100	0	0
Mr. Peter d'Abrew and 4 others, Colombo, Annual Dues. ..	10	0	0
" A. G. Watson of N. W. P.	50	0	0
" V. Cooppuswami Iyer.	5	0	0
Sale of Ghee and Rice remained from the last Convention supply ...	13	10	10
Money received for cadjan sheds specially ordered ...	21	12	3
Indian Section T. S. towards the expense of the present Convention ...	250	0	0
General-Secretary, American Section, credit to Anniversary Fund for Annual Dues.	80	4	0
New Zealand Section T. S., ... Do do do ...	14	15	0
Rs..	1,472	10	2

EXPENSES.	Amount. RS.	A.	P.
Iron Railings in the Convention Hall ...	39	2	7
Cost of hiring Victoria Hall this year ...	15	0	0
Telegrams ...	10	6	0
Cost of feeding delegates, members, friends & sympathisers during the last Convention as per Mr. J. Srinivas Row's memo. ...	510	15	3
Cost of extra Servants ..	31	11	3
Printing invitation cards, &c.	4	1	0
Sundries including white-washing of the premises, plates, dishes, napkins, sheets, pillow cases, lamps, lights, coolies ...	302	4	10
Loans raised and returned ...	300	0	0
	1,213	8	11
Cash in Savings Bank ...	3	2	0
Cash in hand ...	255	15	3
Rs...	1,472	10	2

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INDIAN SECTION.

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Adoni ...	The Adoni T. S. ...	1882	Mr. A. Chakrapani Iyer...	Mr. P. Sabapathy Mudeliar	Agent of the Sabapathy Press Co., Limited.
Adyar ...	The Adyar Lodge ...	1897	W. A. English M D. ...	Mr. V. C. Seshachari, B.A., B.L. ...	Va'il, High Court, Mylapore, Madras.
Agra ...	The Agra T. S. ...	1893	...	Dormant ..	...
Aligarh ...	The Aryan Patriotic T. S. ...	...	...	Dormant ...	...
Allahabad ...	The Prayag T. S. ...	1881	Babu G. N. Chakravarthy, M A., L.L.B.	Dr. Abinash Ch. Banerji, L.M.S. ...	Colvin Medical Hall, Allahabad.
Almorah ...	The Tatwa Bodhini Sabha T. S.	1893	Pandit Bhairab Dat Joshi.	Pandit Badri Dutt Joshi, L.L.B. ...	Almorah, N. W. P.
Ambasamudram ...	The Ambasamudram T. S. ...	1889	Mr G. P. Nilakanta Iyer.	Mr. H. T. Subbuswamy Iyer. ...	Pleador, Ambasamudram.
Amritsar ...	Jijnasa T. S. ...	1896	Mr. Harjiram ...	Mr. Amolakram ...	Bazar Sirki Bandan, Amritsar.
Anantapur ...	The Anantapur T. S. ...	1885	...	Dormant ...	...
Arcot ...	The Arcot T. S. ...	1884	...	Dormant ...	...
Arni ...	The Arni T. S. ...	1885	W. Gopal Charlu, B.A., B.L.	Mr. V. Subba Row Avergal	Secretary, Arni T. S.
Arrah ..	The Arrah T. S.	1882	...	Dormant ...	...
Baluchar ...	The Jaina Tatwajnâna Sabha T. S.	1890	...	Dormant ...	...

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Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Bangalore ...	The Bangalore Cantonment T. S.	1886	Mr. T. C. Mohaswamy Pillai ...	Mr. A. Singaravelu Moodeliar ...	Resident's Office, Bangalore.
Do ...	The Banglore City T. S. ...	1886	...	Dormant ...	...
Bankipore ...	The Behar T. S. ...	1882	Babu Purnendu Narayan Sinha, M.A., B.L. ...	Babu Sivasunker Sahay...	Pleader, Bankipur (Behar.)
Bankura ...	The Sanjeevan T. S. ...	1883	...	Dormant ...	...
Bara-Banki ...	The Jnanodaya T. S. ...	1883	Pandit Parmeshwari Dass.	Babu Devi Sahai ...	Dt. Surveyor, P. W. D., Bara-Banki (Oudh.)
Barakar ...	The Sadhu Sanga T. S. ...	1892	...	Babu K. P. Mukherji ...	Mine Surveyor, Barakar.
Bareilly ...	The Rohilkhund T. S. ...	1881	Raja Madho Rao Vinaik Peshwa ...	Rai Bishan Lal, M. A., LL.B.	Vakil, High Court, Bareilly.
Barisal ...	The Barisal T. S. ...	1887	...	Dormant ...	...
Baroda ...	The Rewah T. S. ...	1882	Rao Bahadur Janardan Sakhâram Gadil, B.L.	Rao Sahib Manoklal Ghelabai Jhaveri ...	Baroda.
Beauleah ...	The Rajshahye Harmony T. S...	1883	...	Dormant ...	...
Bellary ...	The Bellary T. S. ...	1882	Rai Bahadur A. Sabhapathi Moodelliar ...	Mr. R. Jagannathin ...	"Sanmarga Samaj" Bellary.

Benares ...	The Kasi-Tatwa Sabha T. S. ...	1885	Babu Upendra Nath Basu, B. A., L.L.B.	Babu Govinda Dass ...	Durga Kund, Benares City.
Berhampore ...	The Adi Bhoutic Bhratri T. S....	1881	Babu Dinnath Ganguli...	Babu Nafar Dass Roy ...	Secretary and Treasurer, Zemindar, Gorabazar, Berhampore, Bengal.
Bezwada ...	The Bezwada T. S. ...	1887	Rao Bahadur S. Lingin ...	Mr. T. Venkatanarasiah...	Pleader, Munsiff's Court, Bezwada
Bhagulpore ...	The Bhagulpore T. S. ...	1881	Babu Parbati Charn Mukherji ...	Babu Motilal Misra. ...	Bhagulpore.
Bhavnagar ...	The Bhavnagar T. S. ...	1882	Raol Shri Prince Harsinhji Rupsinhji ...	Mr. J. N. Unwalla, M. A.	Principal, Samaldas College, Bhavnagar, Kathiawar.
Bhawani ...	The Bhawani T. S. ...	1893	...	Dormant ...	...
Bhowanipore ...	The Bhowani T. S. ...	1883		Dormant ...	...
Bolaram ...	The Bolaram T. S. ...	1882	...	Dormant ...	...
Bombay ...	The Blavatsky Lodge ...	1880	Mr. D. Gostling ...	Mr. S. Raghavendra Row.	37, Hornby Row, Fort, Bombay.
Broach ...	The Broach T. S. ...	1892	...	Dormant ...	...
Bulandshahar ...	The Baron T. S. ...	1887	...	Dormant ..	...
Burdwan ...	The Burdwan T. S. ...	1883	...	Dormant ...	...
Calcutta ...	The Bengal T. S. ...	1882	Honorable Narendra Nath Sen ...	Babu Hirendra Nath Dutt, M. A., B.L. ...	28/2, Jhamapukur, Calcutta.
Do ...	The Ladies' T. S. ...	1882	...	Dormant ...	...
Cawnpore ...	The Chohan T. S. ...	1882	Babu Devi Pada Roy ...	Babu Haran Chandra Dev.	Translator, Judge's Court, Cawnpore.

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Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Conjeeveram ...	The Satyavrata T. S. ...	1897	Mr. N. Venkataraghava Iyer ...	Mr. V. Venkatachariar ...	Pleader No. 19, Yathothkari Samadhi Street, L. Conjeeveram.
Chakdighi ...	The Chakdighi T. S. ...	1883	...	Dormant ...	...
Chingleput ...	The Chingleput T. S. ...	1883	Mr. D. Raghurama Row...	Mr. K. K. Krishnaiyah, B.A. and Mr. A. Krishnamacharri ...	Hd. Master, Native High School, Chingleput. Pleader Chengleput.
Chinsurah ...	The Chinsurah T. S. ...	1883	...	Dormant ...	...
Chittagong ...	The Chittagong T. S. ...	1887	Babu Durgadas Das ...	Babu Kamala Kanta Sen.	Pleader, Judge's Court, Chittagong.
Chittoor ...	The Chittoor T. S. ...	1887	...	Mr. C. M. Durasawmy Mudaliar, B.A., B.L. ...	District Court Vakil, Chittoor.
Cocanada ...	The Cocanada T. S. ...	1885	...	Mr. K. Perrazu ...	First Grade Pleader, Cocanada.
Coimbatore ...	The Coimbatore T. S. ...	1883	Mr. T. S. Balakrishna Iyer	Mr. S. N. Ramasawmy Iyer	Pleader, Coimbatore.
Do. ...	The Satchidanand Centre ...	1895	Mr. A. Ponnuranga Mudliar ...	Mr. G. Paranjothi Chetty.	93, Oppanakara Street, Teacher, St. Michael College, Coimbatore
Colombo, Ceylon ...	Hope Lodge T. S. ...	1894	Mrs. M. M. Higgins ...	Mr. Richard Faber ...	Musæus School for Buddhist, Girls, Brownrigg St., Cinnamon Gardens, Colombo, Ceylon.
Cuddalore ...	The Cuddalore T. S. ...	1883	...	Dormant ...	...
Cuddapah ...	The Cuddapah T. S. ...	1886	Mr. A. Nanjundappa, B.A., B. L. ...	Mr. A.S. Vaidyanatha Iyer Avergal, B.A. ...	Head Master, High School, Cuddapah.

Dacca ...	The Dacca T. S. ...	1883	...	Dormant ...	...
Darjeeling ...	The Kanchinjunga T. S. ...	1882	Babu Srinath Chatterji...	...	...
Dehra-Dun ...	The Dehra-Dun T. S. ...	1892	Lala Baldeo Sing ...	Babu Ishanchandra Dev, B.A. ...	G. T. Survey Office, N.-W. P., Dehra-Dun.
Delhi ...	The Indraprastha T. S. ...	1883	...	Dormant ...	...
Dharmapuri ...	The Dharmapuri T. S. ...	1897	Mr. C. Kuppuswami Iyer.	Mr. Ramaswami Naikker.	Mittadar, Dharmapuri.
Dindigul ...	The Dindigul T. S. ...	1884	Mr. P. Venkataswara Iyer	Mr. S Subrahmania Iyer.	2nd Grade Pleador, Dindigul.
Dumraon ...	The Dumraon T. S. ...	1883	Babu Devi Prasad ...	Mr. M. Omrao Aii ..	Inspector of Dumraon Raj Schools, Dumraon.
Durbhanga ...	The Durbhanga T. S. ...	1883	Pandit Lakshmi Narain...	Babu Ganganath Jha, M.A.	Durbhanga.
Ellore ...	The Gupta Vidya T. S. ...	1887	Mr. D. Sriramulu ...	...	Ellore.
Ernacolum ...	The Ernacolum T. S. ...	1891	Mr. W. Ramiah, B.A. ...	Mr. T. S. Subbaraya Iyer.	Clerk, Dewan's Office, Ernacolum, Cochin.
Erode ...	The Erode T. S. ...	1891	...	Dormant ...	...
Fatehgarh ...	The Jnana Marga T. S. ...	1885	Munshi, Bakhtwar Lal, B.A.	Lâlâ Har Prasad ..	Head Clerk, R. M. Ry. Loco. Office, Fatehgarh, N. W. P.
Fyzabad ...	The Ayodhaya T. S. ...	1883	...	Dormant ...	...
Ghazipore ...	The Ghazipore T. S. ...	1883	...	Dormant ..	...
Gooty ...	The Gooty T. S. ...	1883	Mr. J. Srinivasa Rao ...	Mr. P. Kesava Pillai ...	Pleader, Gooty ...
Gorakhpur ...	The Sarva Hitakari T. S. ...	1883	...	Dormant ...	...
Guntur ...	The Krishna T. S. ...	1882	Mr. V. Bhavanachari ...	Mr H. Bhagavanta Row Pantulu ...	Post Master, Guntur.

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Guntur ...	Sadvichara T. S. ...	1891	Mr. Chegu Kanakaratna Garu ...	Mr. D. Purushottam ...	Sadvichara T. S., Guntur.
Gujranwalla ...	Gujranwalla T. S. Centre ...	1894	Mr. Ralla Ram Arora ...	Mr. Dewan Chandra Verma	Lane Mull Singh Kapur, Gujranwalla
Gya ..	The Gya T. S. ...	1882	Babu Hari Harnath ...	Babu Indra Narayan Chakravarti ...	Government Pleader, Gya, Behar.
Habiganj ...	The Habiganj T. S. ...	1897	Babu Umanath Ghosal, B. A., B. L. ...	Babu Mohini Chandra Dutt, M.A., B L. ...	Pleader, Habiganj, Sylhet.
Hoshangabad ...	The Nerbudda T. S. ...	1885	Choudry Prayagchand ...	Babu Jagannath Prasad ..	Pleader, Hoshangabad, C. P.
Howrah ...	The Howrah T. S. ...	1883	...	Dormant ...	...
Hyderabad (Deccan) ...	The Hyderabad T. S. ...	1882	Mr. Dorabji Dassabhoy ...	Mr. Jehangir Shorabji ...	Chadder Ghat, Hyderabad, Deccan.
Jallandhur ...	The Tatwajnana Pracharni T. S.	1893	Babu Sandhiram ...	Babu Sawan Mall ...	Busteegoozan, Jallandhur, Punjab.
Jalpaiguri ...	The Jalpaiguri T. S. ...	1889	...	Babu Benode Behary Banerji ...	Dy. Commissioner's Office, Jalpaiguri
Jamalpore ...	The Jamalpore T. S. ...	1882	...	Dormant ...	...
Jand ...	Jand Centre ...	1894	Sirdar Sahib Singh ...	Lala Anantaram ...	Contractor, N. B. S. Ry. Jand Pindi.

Jessore ...	The Tatwajnana Sabha T. S. ...	1883	...	Dormant ...	...
Jeypore ...	The Jeypore T. S. ...	1882	...	Dormant ...	...
Jubbulpore ...	The Bhrigu Kshetra T. S. ...	1883	Babu Kalicharan Bose, B. A. ...	Mr. Manohar Lal ...	Treasury Head Clerk, Deputy Commissioner's Office, Jubbulpore, C. P.
Kanigiri ...	The Olcott T. S. ...	1890	...	Dormant ...	...
Karachi ...	The Karachi T. S. ..	1896	Mr. Daulat Ram Jethmul..	Mr. D. P. Kotwal ...	Karachi, Sind.
Karur ...	The Karur T. S. ...	1885	...	Mr. T. R. Ramachendra Iyer ...	Pleader, District Munsiff's Court, Karur.
Kapurthala ...	The Kapurthala T. S. ...	1883	Sirdar Bhagat Singh ...	Lala Harichund ...	Judicial Asstt., Kapurthala, Punjab.
Karwar ...	The North Canara T. S. ...	1883	...	Dormant ...	...
Krishnagiri ..	The Krishnagiri T. S. ...	1897	Mr. C. Subbramania Aier, B.A., B.L. ...	Mr. C. Rajiengar ...	Pleader, Krishnagiri.
Krishnaghur ...	The Nuddea T. S. ...	1882	...	Dormant ...	...
Kuch Behar ...	The Kuch Behar T. S. ...	1890	...	Dormant ...	...
Kumbhakonam ...	The Kumbhakonam T. S. ...	1883	Mr. T. Krishnamachariar, B. A. ...	Mr. M. C. Krishnasawmy Iyer ...	2nd Grade Pleader, Kumbhakonum.
Kurnool ...	The Satkalatchepa T. S. ..	1883	Mr. T. Chidambaram Row	Mr. C. Venkataramiah ...	Collector's Office, Kurnool.
Lahore ...	The Lahore T. S. ...	1887	Lala Nath Mal ...	Pandit Ikbalnath Taimini	Clerk, Government Advocate's Office, Lahore.
Lucknow ...	The Satya Marga T. S. ...	1892	Rai Naraindas Bahadur...	Babu Mrityunjaya Chatterji, B. A. ...	Head Clerk, General Department, Office of the Postmaster-General, Lucknow.

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Ludhiana ...	The Ludhiana T. S. ...	1891	Rai B. K. Lahiri ...	Babu Abinash Chander Biswas ...	Hd. Clerk, Dy. Commissioner's Office, Ludhiana.
Madras ...	The Madras T. S. ...	1882	Mr. Koralla Subbarayadu garu ...	Mr. W. A. Krishnamachari, B.A. ...	Clerk, Agent's Office, Madras Ry. Royapuram, Madras.
Madura ...	The Madura T. S. ...	1883	Mr. P. Narayana Iyer, B.A., B.L. ...	Mr. V. Ramachandra Iyer, B.A., B.L. ...	Pleader, New Street, Madura.
Madanapalle ...	The Jijnasa T. S. ...	1891	Mr. O. L. Sarma ...	Mr. M. K. Subba Row ...	Madanapalle.
Malegaon ...	The Malegaon T. S. ...	1897	Rao Bahadur Dadoba Sakharam ...	Dr. Kishengir Anandagir .	Malegaon
Mannargudi ...	The Mannargudi T. S. ...	1891	Mr. B. Viraswamaiyah Garu ...	Mr. S. Venkataramiar ..	Municipal Councillor, Mannargudi.
Masulipatam ...	The Masulipatam T. S. ...	1887	Mr. V. Sundaramaya Pantulu Garu, B.A.	Mr. P. Sobhanadri Chetty Garu. ..	English Hd. Accountant, Kristna Collectorate, Masulipatam
Mayavaram ...	The Mayavaram T. S. ...	1883	...	Dormant ...	...
Meerut ...	The Meerut T. S. ...	1882	Babu Rama Prasad, M.A..	...	Pleader, Meerut.
Midnapore ...	The Midnapore T. S. ...	1883	Babu Grish Chendra Mittra ...	Babu Ishanchandra Singh.	Pleader, Judge's Court, Midnapur (Bengal).
Monghyr ...	The Monghyr T. S. ...	1887	...	Dormant ...	...
Moradabad ...	The Atma-Bodh T. S. ...	1883	...	Dormant ...	...

Motihari ...	The Motihari T. S. ...	1896	Babu Krishnadhan Mukherji, M. A. ...	Babu Rajendra Lall Mukherji, M.A., B.L. ...	Pleader, Motihari
Muzaffarpur ...	The Muzaffarpur T. S. ...	1890	Babu Surendra Krishna Dutt, B.A., B.L. ...	Babu Raghunandana Prasad Sarma ...	Zemindar of Mahamedpur Sustaria., Silont, T. S. Ry., Muzaffarpur Dt.
Muddehpoorah ...	The Muddehpoorah T. S. ...	1881	...	Dormant ...	...
Muttra ...	The Muttra T. S. ...	1891	Pandit Jai Narain Bararu, C. E. ...	Dr. Ramji Mull, L.M.S. ...	Medical Hall, Muttra City.
Multan ...	The Multan T. S. ...	1896	Rai Bahadur Harichand...	Sham Sunder ...	English Clerk, Divisional Court, Multan City.
Mysore ...	The Mysore T. S. ...	1896	Mr. A. Narasinha Iyengar.	Mr. A. Mahadeva Sastri, B.A.	Curator, Govt. Oriental Library, Mysore.
Nagpur ...	The Nagpur T. S. ...	1885	Mr. C. V. Naidu ...	Mr. C. Srinivasa Das ..	Clerk, Revenue Secretariat, Nagpur (C. P.)
Naini Tal ...	The Kurmachal T. S. ...	1888	Babu Lakshminarayan Banerji ..	Babu Hira Lall ...	Allahabad Bank, Ld., Naini Tal.
Narail ...	The Narail T. S. ...	1883	...	Dormant ...	...
Narasarowpet ...	The Narasarowpet ...	1891	Mr. T. Anjaneya Sastri ...	Mr. K. Viyyanna Pantulu.	Pleader, Narasarowpet.
Nassik ...	The Nassik T. S. ...	1891	...	Mr. D. R. Tarkadhar, B.A.	Hd. Master, High School, Nassik.
Negapatam ...	The Negapatam T. S. ...	1883	Mr. S. Chakrapani Iyer ...	Mr. P. Kanaka Sabhapathy Sastrial ...	2nd Grade Pleader, Negapatam.
Nellore ...	The Nellore T. S. ...	1882	Mr. Parthasarathy Naidu.	Mr. A. Narayana Iyer, B.A.	Vernacular Hd. Clerk, Collector's Office, Nellore.
Namakal ...	The Namagiri T. S. ...	1897	Mr. P. S. Singaravelu Pillai	Mr. N. V. Anantarama Iyer ...	Pleader, Namakal.
Nilphamari ...	The Nilphamari T. S. ...	1892	Babu Janakinath Biswas..	Babu Rajani Kanata Sirkar	Pleader, Nilphamari, Bengal.

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Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Noakhali ...	The Noakhali T. S. ...	1886	...	Dormant ..	...
Ongole ...	The Ongole T. S. ...	1891	Mr. T. Sawmy Iyer Avergal, B.A. ...	Mr. B. Lachminarayana Row ...	Pleader, Ongole.
Ootacamund ...	The Dodabetta T. S. ...	1883	Major-Genl. H.R. Morgan.	Pandit R. Jayaraja Row...	Collector's Office, Ootacamund.
Orai ...	The Orai T. S. ...	1886	...	Dormant ...	...
Pahartali ...	The Maha Muni T. S. ...	1887		Dormant ...	...
Pakur ...	The Pakur T. S. ...	1891	Rajah Satish Chandra Panday Bahadur ...	Babu Patiram Bannerji...	Pakur, Bengal ...
Palni ...	The Palni T. S. ...	1897	Mr. M. Saketarama Naidu.	Mr. H. Ramasawmy Iyer.	Manager, National Middle School Palni.
Palghat ...	The Malabar T. S. ...	1882	Mr. V. Vengu Iyer ...	Mr. S. VeeraraghavaIyer ..	Sagaripuram, Palghat.
Paramakudi ...	The Paramakudi T. S. ...	1885	Mr. S. Minakshi Sundram Iyer ...	Mr. A. S. Krishnasawmy Sastriar, B. A. ...	Paramakudi.
Penukonda ...	The Penukonda T. S. ...	1893	Mr. A. Ramachandria ...	Mr. N. Kurruttalwar ...	Head Master, Board Lower Secondary School, Penukonda.
Periyakulam ...	The Periyakulam T. S. ...	1884	Mr. V. Ramabhadra Naidu	Mr. A. Nadhamuni Ayya and Mr. R. Sundrarajier	Retired Teacher, Periyakulam. Periyakulam.
Pollachi ...	The Pollachi T. S. ...	1885	...	Dormant ...	...
Pondicherry ...	The Pondicherry T. S. ...	1883	...	Dormant ..	...

Poona ...	The Poona T. S. ...	1882	Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalwalla...	Mr. Rajana Linga ...	Pleader, Malcolm Tank Road, Poona. ...
Prodattur ...	The Prodattur T. S. ...	1893	Mr. Y. Nagaiya ...	Mr. G. Venkataramaiya ...	2d Grade Pleader, Prodattur.
Rai-Bareilly ...	The Gyanavardhini T. S. ...	1883	...	Dormant ...	...
Rajahmundry ...	The Rajahmundry T. S. ...	1887	...	Mr. K. Rama Brahmam Garu ...	Rajahmundry.
Rajmahal ...	The Rajmahal T. S. ...	1887	Babu Panchanan Ghose...	Babu Phagu Lal Mandul...	Rajmahal, Bengal.
Ranchi ...	Chota Nagpore T. S. ...	1887	Babu Nibaran Chandra Gupta ...	Babu Manmatha Nath Chatterji ...	Ranchi, Chota Nagpur.
Rangoon ...	The Irawadi T. S. ...	1885	...	Dormant ...	...
Do. ...	The Shavai Daigon T. S. ...	1885	...	Dormant ...	...
Rangoon ...	The Rangoon T. S. ...	1885	C. S. Prince, Esq. ...	Mr. C. Vedaranyam Pillay	Head Clerk, General Post Office, Rangoon.
Rawalpindi ...	The Rawalpindi T. S. ...	1881	Babu ShyamaCharan Bose	Babu Dharendra Kumar Banerji ...	Rawalpindi.
Sangrur ...	The Sangrur T. S. ...	1896	Babu Raghunath Das ...	Mr. Shazad Singh ...	Translator, Foreign Office, Sangrur, Jind State, Punjab.
Salem ...	The Salem T. S. ...	1897	Mr. T. N. Ramachendra Iyer, B.A. ...	Mr. R. Anatarama Iyer B.A., B.L. ...	High Court Vakil, Salem.
Srivaikuntham ...	The Srivaikuntham T. S. ...	1897	Mr. V. Veeraraghava Iyer	Mr. S. T. Ponnambalanatha Mudaliar. ...	Pleader, Srivaikuntham
Searsole ...	The Searsole T. S. ..	1883	...	Dormant ...	...
Secunderabad ...	The Secunderabad T. S. ...	1882	Mr. Bezonji Aderji ...	Mr. Kavasha Eduljee ..	Pleader, Tower Street, Secunderabad, Deccan.
Sivaganga ...	The Sivaganga T. S. ...	1897	Mr N. Sambasiva Iyer, B.A., B.L. ...	Mr. M.S. SankaraIyer B.A.	Sheristadar, Lessee's Hd. Office, Sivaganga.
Satur ...	The Satur T. S. ...	1897	Mr. N. Ittunikando Panikar Avergal, B.A. ...	Mr. M. V. Bhagavant Rao.	2d Grade Pleader, Satur.

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Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Seoni-Chappara ...	The Seoni T. S. ...	1885	Mr. P. Baijnath, B.A. ..	Mr. S. G. Subedar, B.A. ..	Extra Assistant Commr., Seoni-Chappara (C.P.)
Sholapore ...	The Sholapur T. S. ...	1882	...	Dormant ...	...
Sholinghur ...	The Sholinghur T. S. ...	1889	Mr. V. Coopooswami Iyer, M.A. ...	Mr. L. Sreenivasa Raghavier ...	Pleader, Sholinghur, North Arcot
Siliguri ...	The Siliguri T. S. ...	1885	...	Dormant ...	...
Simla ...	...	1882	...	Dormant ...	...
Do. ...	The Simla Eclectic T. S. ...	1881	...	Dormant ...	...
Srivilliputtur ...	The Natchiyar T. S. ...	1883	Mr. E. Krishna Aiyer ...	Mr. G. Veeraragava Iyer	2d Grade Pleader, Srivilliputtur
Surat ...	The Sanatan Dharma Sabha T.S.	1887	Mr. Nautamram Uttamram Trivedi ...	Mr. Indrabadan M. Hora..	Saghadiwad, Surat.
Tanjore ...	The Tanjore T. S. ...	1888	Mr. K. S. Srinivasa Pillai.	Mr. S. Venkatasubba Aiyer	Pleader, Vennar Bank, Tanjore
Tinnevelly ..	The Tinnevelly T. S. ...	1881	Mr. N. Sarvottama Row Avergal B.A., B.L. ...	Mr. S. Ramachendra Sastri ...	Clerk, District Court, Tinnevelly
Tipperah ...	The Tatwagnana Sabha T. S. ...	1889	Prince Rajakumar Navadwipchandra Dev Varman Bahadur ...	Babu Chandra Kumar Guha ...	Sheristadar, Collectorate, Comilla. Tipperah, E. Bengal.
Tirupattur (Madura Dist.) ...	The Tirupattur T. S. ...	1884	...	Dormant ...	...

Tirupattur, (Salem Dist.) ...	Do	1897	Mr. O. V. Nanjundier ...	T. Ramanujam Pillay ...	Sub-Engineer, Tirupattur.
Tirur ...	The Tirur T. S. ...	1884	Mr. A. C. Kannan Nambiar ...	Mr. C. S. Adinarayana Aiyer ...	Pleader, Tirur, Malabar.
Tiruvalur ...	The Tiruvalur T. S. ...	1891	Mr. N. Vaidyanathier ...	Mr. T. K. Ramaswamier.	2d Grade Pleader, Tiruvalur, Tanjore District.
Trevandrum ...	The Trevandrum T. S. ...	1883	...	Dormant ...	...
Trichinopoly ...	The Trichinopoly T. S. ...	1883	Mr. A. Ramachendra Iyer.	Mr. N. Harihara Iyer, B.A., B.L. ...	Pleader, Trichinopoly (S. I. Ry.)
Udamalpett ...	The Udamalpett T. S. ...	1894	C. K. Venkataramana Iyer ...	Mr. P.L. Palaniandi Pillai	2d Grade Pleader, Udamalpett.
Umballa ...	The Umballa T. S. ...	1891	...	Babu Shyamacharan Mukherji ...	Royal Medical Hall, Subder Bazar Umballa Cantonment.
Vaniyambadi ...	The Vani T. S. ...	1897	Mr. O. Sundara Row ...	Mr. Subbaraya Aiyer ...	Manager, Municipal Office, Vaniyambadi.
Vellore ...	The Vellore T. S. ...	1884	P. Venkata Kanniah Garu	Mr. Krishnaswamy Iyer.	Pleader, Vellore.
Vizagapatam ...	The Vizagapatam T. S. ...	1887	...	Mr. P. T. Srinivasiengar, M.A. ...	Principal, Hindu College, Vizagapatam.
Vizianagaram ...	The Vasishtha T. S. ...	1884	...	Dormant ...	...
Warangal ...	The Satyavichara T. S. ...	1891	Mr. C. Luxman ...	Mr. T. Govindarajulu Naidu ...	Care of Station Master, Warangal, N. G. S. Ry.

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CEYLON BRANCHES.

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Anuradhapura ...	Maha Mahendra T. S. ...	1889	...	Dormant ...	...
Badulla ...	Uva T. S. ...	1887	...	" ..	...
Batticaloa ...	Sugatapala T. S. ...	1889	...	" ..	...
Do ...	Parajnanamarga T. S. ...	1891	...	" ...	...
Bentota ...	Bentota T. S. ...	1880	...	" ...	...
Colombo ...	Colombo T. S. ...	1880	Mr. R. A. Mirando ...	Henry Dias ..	Buddhist Hd. Qrs.
Dikwella ...	Moggaliputta T. S. ...	1889	..	Dormant ...	...
Galle ...	Galle T. S. ...	1880	Mr. T. D. S. Amarasurya..	Mr. O. A Jayasekhara ...	Mahinda College, Galle.
Jaffna ...	The Jaffna T. S. ...	1890	...	Dormant ...	...
Kandy ...	Kandy T. S. ...	1880	Mr.A.D.J.Goonewardhana.	...	...
Kataluwa ...	Sariputra T. S. ...	1889	...	" ...	...
Kurunegala ...	Maliyadeva T. S. ...	1889	..	" ..	...
Matale ...	Ubhaya-lokârthasadhaka T. S....	1889	...	" ...	...
Matara ...	Matara T. S. ...	1880	..	" ...	...
Mawanella ...	Ananda T. S. ...	1889	...	" ...	...

Panadura ...	Panadura T. S. ...	1880	...	Dormant ...	...
Ratnapura ...	Subaragamuwa T. S. ...	1887	...	" ...	...
Singapore ...	Singapore T. S. ...	1889	...	" ...	...
Trincomalee ...	Mahadeva T. S. ...	1889	...	" ...	...
Do ...	Sat-Chit-Ananda T. S. ...	1889	...	" ...	...
Weligama ..	Siddhartha T. S. ...	1889	...	" ...	...

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AMERICAN SECTION.

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Chicago, Ill. ...	Chicago T. S. ...	1884	Geo. E. Wright ...	Miss Isabel M. Stevens ...	26, Van Buren St., Room 426.
Minneapolis, Minn.	Ishwara T. S. ...	1887	Mrs. Kate B. Davis ...	Mrs. E. Cora Haskins ...	525, Medica Block.
Portland, Oregon ..	Willametta T. S. ...	1890	Alex. R. Read ...	Wm. H. Galvani ...	P. O.
Muskegon, Mich....	Muskegon T. S. ...	1890	F. A. Nims ...	Mrs. Sarah E. Fitz Simons	382, Grand Ave.
Toronto, Canada ..	Toronto T. S. ...	1891	A. G. Horwood ...	F. E. Titus ...	27, Bank of Commerce Building.
St. Paul, Minn. ...	St. Paul T. S. ...	1891	Mrs. H. E. Pruden ...	Mrs. Jeannie M. Campbell	1187, Dayton Ave.
Toledo, Ohio ...	Toledo T. S. ...	1892	Dr. F. L. Maguire ...	Mrs. Kate F. Kirby ...	1503, Broadway.
Los Angeles, Cal ..	Harmony Lodge T. S. ...	1894	W. C. B. Randolph ..	Mrs. H. McL. Randolph...	Station D.
Chicago, Ill. ...	Shila T. S. ...	1894	Mrs. Julia A. Darling ...	Miss Angelina Wann ...	6237, Kimbark Ave.
Honolulu, H. I. ...	Aloha T. S. ...	1894	...	Wm. R. Sims ...	...
Tacoma, Wash. ...	Narada T. S.* ...	1895	Miss. Ida S. Wright ..	Arthur F. Knight ...	1014, S. 9th St.
East Las Vegas N. M. ...	Annie Besant T. S. ...	1895	John Knox Martin ...	Almon F. Benedict ...	Box 337.
San Francisco, Cal..	Golden Gate Lodge T. S.* ...	1895	Davis J. Lamoreo ...	Wm. J. Walters ...	Palace Hotel.
Pasadena, Cal. ...	Unity Lodge T. S. ...	1896	Frank T. Merritt ...	Mrs. Sarah E. Merritt ...	Public Library.
Santa Cruz Cal. ...	San Lorenzo T. S. ...	1896	Mrs. Rachel Blackmore ...	Mrs. Nellie H. Uhden ...	145 3rd and Riverside Ave.

Seattle, Wash ...	Ananda Lodge T. S. ..	1896	Thos. A. Barnes ...	Mrs. Harriet C. Stein ...	824 35th Ave.
Spokane, Wash ..	Olympus Lodge T. S. ...	1896	Prof. John Makenzie ...	...	...
Butte, Montana ...	Butte Lodge T. S. ...	1896	John P. Hanson ...	August B. Edler ...	Box 213.
Sheridan, Wyoming ...	Sheridan T. S. ...	1896	Fernando Herbst ...	Mrs. Eliz. McN. Simpson..	...
Minneapolis, Minn	Yggdrasil Lodge T. S. ...	1897	Niels Juel ...	Thore A. Netland ...	405 20th Ave. N.
Streator, Ill. ...	Streator T. S. ...	1897	Fawcett Plumb ...	George Goulding ...	...
Buffalo, N. Y. ...	Fidelity Lodge T. S. ..	1897	Dr. T. P. C. Barnard ...	Geo. B. Hastings ...	877, Ellicott Square.
Chicago, Ill ...	Englewood White Lodge T. S. ...	1897	Mrs. Maude L. Howard...	Miss Gertrude Longenecker ..	7257, Stewart Ave.
Brooklyn, N. Y. ...	Mercury T. S. ...	1897	Alfred A. Ury ...	Miss Ellen H. Hendrickson	547, Classon Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio ..	Cleveland T. S. ...	1897	Mrs. Amanda L. Cady ...	Miss Helen B. Olmsted ...	1085, Prospect St.
New York, N. Y.	New York T. S. ...	1897	Frederic W. Leonard ...	Thos. B. Clatworthy ...	93, Chambers St.
Washington, D. C. .	Washington T. S. ...	1897	Azro J. Cory ...	Mrs. Anna M. Jaquess ...	202, Indiana Ave, N. W.
Philadelphia, Pa. ...	Manasa T. S. ...	1897	Alex. W. Goodrich ...	Washington, J. Shore ..	1423, Locust St.
Topeka, Kan. ..	Topeka T. S. ..	1897	Thos. Du G. Humphreys...	Mrs. Eliz. M. Wardall ...	307, Van Buren St.
Chicago, Ill. ...	Eastern Psychology Lodge T. S..	1897	Mrs. Kate C. Havens ..	Mrs. Kate Van Allen ...	6237, Kimbark Ave.
Newark, N. J. ..	First Newark Lodge T. S. ...	1897	Gustav J. T. Kluge ...	Mrs. Cecel H. A. Kluge ...	570, Hunterdon St.
Denver, Col.	Brotherhood T. S. ...	1897	Mrs. Julia H. Scott ...	Mrs. Alice L. Prentice ...	200, Pearl St.

* Re-chartered.

American Section—*Continued.*

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
San Diego, Calif ...	H. P. B. Lodge T. S. ...	1897	Mrs. Anna F. Smith ...	Miss Louise C. Heilbron..	1406, D. St.
Sacramento, Calif..	Sacramento T. S. ...	1897	Mrs. Mary J. Cravens ...	Miss Eugenie Weisman ...	404, O. St.
Ellensburg, Wash..	Ellensburg T. S. ...	1897	Clyde Warner ...	Patrick H. W. Ross ...	...
Clinton, Iowa ...	Indra T. S. ...	1897	James H. Reed ...	John Healess ...	215, Peril St.
Omaha, Neb. ...	Omaha T. S. ...	1897	...	...	...
Menomonie, Wis. ..	Menomonie T. S. ...	1897	John H. Knapp ...	Mrs. Ethel G. Copp ...	...
Kalamazoo, Mich .	Kalamazoo T. S. ...	1897	Dr. James W. B. La Pierre	Carl G. Kleinstück ...	Saxonia Farm.
Jackson, Mich. ...	Jackson T. S. ...	1897	Mrs. Delia Robb ...	John R. Rockwell ...	...
Ann Arbor, Mich...	Ann Arbor T. S. ...	1897	Wm. A. Crandall ...	Wm. L. Miggett ...	48 S. 12th St.
Lynn, Mass** ...	Lynn T. S. ...	...	Mrs. Helen A. Smith ...	Nathan A. Bean ...	176, Washington St.
Galesburg, Ill. ...	Galesburg T. S. ...	1897	Dr. David E. Coulson ...	Sam J. Hoffheimer ...	549, N. Seminary St.
Lily Dale, N. Y. ...	Lily Dale T. S. ...	1897	Mrs. Jennie S. White ...	Mrs. Julia E. Hyde ...	...
Dunkirk, N. Y. ...	Dunkirk, T. S. ...	1897	Mrs. Harriet B. Fink ...	Miss Minerva Gifford ...	46 W. 4th St.
Detroit, Mich. ...	Detroit T. S. ...	1897	Dr. R. Stewart Gibbs ...	Miss. Lulu L. Kerr ...	484. Wabash Ave.
Green Bay, Wis. ...	Green Bay T. S. ...	1897	Andrew Reid ...	Rowland T. Bardon ...	1005, S. Jackson St.

Rochester, N. S. ...	Blavatsky T. S. ...	1897	John L. Goddard ...	Mrs. Mary B. Bingham ...	10, Scio St.
Syracuse, N. Y. ...	Central City T. S. ...	1897	Dr. T. C. Walsh ...	Rev. Axel. H. Hamilton ...	204, Hawthorne St.
Albany, N. Y. ...	Albany T. S. ...	1897	...	...	...
Boston, Mass. ...	Petrovna T. S. ...	1897	Dr. Bertram L. Shapleigh	Anthony J. Philpott ...	Boston "Globe."
Indianapolis, Ind..	Dhyana T. S. ...	1897	...	...	...
Kansas City, Mo. ...	Olcott Lodge T. S. ...	1897	Thomas C. Job ...	...	*Pres* 2415 E. 11th Street Kansas City, Mo.

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EUROPEAN SECTION.

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
			Great Britain.		
London ...	London Lodge ...	1878	A. P. Sinnett ...	C. W. Leadbeater ...	*Pres.*, 27, Leinster Gardens, W.
Edinburgh ...	Scottish Lodge* ...	1884	(Private Lodge) ...	G. Dickson ...	*Sec.*, 9, India Street, Edinburgh.
London ...	Blavatsky Lodge* ...	1887	Mrs. Besant ...	Mrs. Sharpe ...	*Sec.*, 19, Avenue Rd., Regent's Pk., N. W.
Brighton ..	Brighton Lodge* ...	1890	Mrs. Tippetts ...	Dr. Alfred King ...	*Sec.*, 30, Buckingham Place, Brighton.
Birmingham ...	Birmingham Lodge* ...	1890	O. H. Duffell ...	S. H. Old ...	*Sec.*, 74, Stanmore Road, Edghaston.
Bradford ...	Bradford Lodge* ...	1891	Oliver Firth ...	J. Midgley ...	*Sec.*, Central Coffee Tavern, Westgate, Bradford.
Chiswick ...	Chiswick Lodge* ...	1891	A. A. Harris ...	W. C. Ward ...	*Sec.*, 2, Church Terrace, Richmond.
London ...	Adelphi Lodge* ...	1891	J. M. Watkins ...	Frank Hills ...	*Sec.*, 8, Duke Street, Adelphi, W. C.
Harrogate ...	Harrogate Lodge* ...	1892	Hodgson Smith ...	Miss Shaw ...	*Sec.*, 7, James Street, Harrogate.
Manchester ...	Manchester City Lodge* ...	1892	C. Corbett ...	Mrs. Larmuth ...	*Sec.*, 24, Eccles Old Road, Pendleton, near Manchester.
Leeds ...	Leeds Lodge ...	1892	W. H. Benn ...	Mrs. Orage ...	*Sec.*, 3, Exmouth Grove, Claypit Lane, Leeds.
Bournemouth ...	Bournemouth Lodge* ..	1892	H. S. Green ...	Dr. Nunn ...	*Sec.*, Gestingthorpe, Boscombe, Bournemouth.
Edinburgh ...	Edinburgh Lodge* ...	1893	G. L. Simpson ...	J. Handyside (*pro tem*).	*Pres.*, 152, Morningside Rd., Edinburgh.
Middlesborough ...	Middlesborough Lodge* ...	1893	W. H. Thomas ...	... ...	*Pres.*, 7, Ryodale Ter., Borough Road, Middlesborough.
Bristol ...	Bristol Lodge ...	1893	Miss Hastings ...	James Parsons ...	*Sec.*, 6, Hillside, Cotham, Bristol

Bradford	Athene Lodge	1893	H. Saville	Mrs. Gale	*Sec.*, Washington Street, Girlington Road, Bradford.
London	North London Lodge*	1893	A. M. Glass	R. King, Jun.	*Sec.*, 69, Barnsbury St., Liverpool Rd., N.
Margate	Margate Lodge	1894	P. Holmes	Mrs. Holmes	*Sec.*, 39, High Street, Margate.
Norwich	Norwich Lodge	1894	J. Fitch Thorn	Selby Green	*Sec.*, The Croft, Limetree Road, Norwich.
London	East London Lodge	1895	Harry Banbery	E. Cumberland	*Sec.*, 15 Worsley Road, Hampstead Heath.
Liverpool	City of Liverpool Lodge	1895	J. H. Duffell	Mrs. Gillison	*Sec.*, 14, Freehold, Liverpool
Sheffield	Sheffield Lodge	1896	Frank Dallaway	C. J. Barker	*Sec.*, 503, Intake Road, Sheffield.
London	West London Lodge	1897	Miss Edith Ward	G. H. Whyte.	7, Lanhill Road, Elgin Avenue, W.
Do.	Hampstead Branch T. S.	1897	Mrs. Alan Leo	...	*Pres.*, 9, Lyncroft Gardens West Hampstead, London.
	Bath Centre*	...	...	Edwin Hill	9, Tyning Road, Widcombe, Bath
	Bolton Centre*	...	...	A. F. Marshall	73, Egerton St., Blackburn Rd., Bolton.
	Brixton Centre	...	...	Matthew Boyd	27, Vidal Road, Acre Lane, Bristol.
	Burnley Centre	...	...	...	...
	Derby Centre*	...	...	Miss Emma Ousman	Fritchley, near Derby.
	Eastbourne Centre	...	...	Jas. H. McDougall	68, Willingden Road, Eastbourne.
	Essex Correspondence Centre	...	...	George Coates	Banavie, King's Place, Buckhurst Hill.
	Exeter Centre*	...	...	Miss L. Wheaton	*Sec.*, Longbridge Cottage, Newton St. Cyres, near Exeter.
	Falmouth Centre*	...	...	Miss S. E. Gay	Rosveau, Falmouth

* All Branches and Centres marked with an Asterisk have Lending Libraries.

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Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
	Folkestone Centre* ...	...	...	Wm. Fagg ...	Landec Villa, Park Road, Folkestone.
	Glasgow Centre ...	...	...	James Wilson ...	151, Sandyfauld's Street, Glasgow.
	Herne Bay Centre ...	...	...	H. A. Vasse ...	25, William Street, Herne Bay.
	Hull Centre* ...	...	W. H. Dyer ...	H. E. Nichol ...	*Sec.*, 19, Louis Street, Hull.
	Kingston-on-Thames Centre.	...	...	S. F. Weguelin-Smith.	2, Doric Villas, King's Road, Kingston-on-Thames.
	Llandudno Centre* ...	...	...	W. Kingsland ...	Roslin Cottage, Old Road, Llandudno.
	Macclesfield Centre ...	...	...	J. Harrison ...	98, Great King Street, Macclesfield.
	Merthyr Centre* ...	...	...	E. M. Thomas ...	18, Park Place, Merthyr Tydfil.
	Peterborough Centre ...	...	...	L. Stanley Jast ...	143, Lincoln Road, Peterborough
	Plumstead Centre* ...	...	...	W. G Wratten ...	60, Wrottesley Road, Plumstead, S. E.
	Plymouth Centre ...	...	...	Alfred Weekes ...	1, Thorn Park Avenue, Mannamead, Plymouth.
	Ramsgate Centre ...	...	...	Miss H. Hunter ...	5, Royal Road, Ramsgate
	Stoke-on-Trent Centre* ...	...	...	Thomas Ousman ...	36, South Street, Mount Pleasant, Stoke-on-Trent.
	Tavistock Centre* ...	...	...	Rev. John Barron ...	Middlemoor, Tavistock.
	Thornton Heath Centre ...	...	...	F. Horne ...	27, Keen's Road, Croydon.
	York Centre ...	...	...	E. J. Dunn ...	Kelfield Lodge, near York.

			Austria.		
Vienna ...	Vienna Lodge* ...	1887	...	Count Leiningen-Billigheim.	*Sec.*, Billigheim, bei Mosbach in Baden, Germany.
	Blue Star Centre* ...	...	...	Herr Carl Weinfurter ...	*Sec.*, Kolargasse, 715, Weinberge, bei Prag.
			Canary Islands.		
	Canary Islands Centre ...	...	...	Miss J. de Forssmann ...	Lomo de los Guirres, Orotava, Teneriffe.
			France.		
Paris ...	Ananta Lodge* ...	1891	Mons. Paul Gillard ...	Mons. Renard ...	*Pres.*, 58, rue de Verneuil, Paris.
Toulon Sur-mer ...	Toulon Lodge ...	1895	Mons. le Dr. Pascal ...		*Pres.*, 39, rue Victor Clappier, Toulon.
Nice ...	Nice Lodge ...	1897	Mrs. Terrell ...	Mons. H. de Castro ...	*Sec.*, 57, rue de la Paix, Nice.
	Cherbourg Centre ...	...	...	Mons. Syffert ...	18, rue de Château, Cherbourg.
	Breton Centre ...	...	...	Mons. le Dr. Leissen ...	10, Grande Rue, Hennebout.
	Lyons Centre ...	...	...	...	...
			Germany.		
Berlin ...	Berlin Lodge* ...	1894	...	Graf von Brockdorff ...	*Sec.*, Paulstrasse 23, Berlin, N. W.
	Leipzig Centre ...	...	...	Frl. Hedwig Kolbe ...	Westrasse 16, Lyceum, Leipzig.
	Munich Centre ...	...	...	Herr O. Huschke ...	Lerchenfeldstrasse, 5, Munich.
			Greece.		
Corfu ...	Ionian Lodge ...	1879	Prof. Pasquale Menelao ...	Mons. Otho Alexander ...	*Sec.*, Corfu, Greece.

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European Section—*Continued.*

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
			Italy.		
Rome ...	Rome Lodge* ...	1879	Mrs. Lloyd ...	Decio Calvari ...	31 Via Lombardia.
	Genoa Centre ...	...	...	Stanley C. Bright ...	35, Via S. S. Giacomoe Filippo, Genoa.
			Russia.		
	Odessa Centre ...	...	...	Mons. Gustav Zorn ...	P. O. Box 84, Odessa.
	Warsaw Centre ...	...	...	...	
			Spain.		
	(Original Spanish Group Charter)	1889			
Madrid ...	Madrid Lodge* ..	1893	Sr. D. José Xifré ...	M. Treviño	*Sec.*, 127 Calle d' Atocha deep 3 Madrid.
Barcelona ...	Barcelona Lodge ...	1893	Sr. D. José Plana y Dorca	Srta. Carmen Mateos ...	*Pres.*, Calle de la Cendrá 30 y 32, 3, 1a, Barcelona.
Alicante ...	Alicante Lodge ...	1894	Sr. D. Manuel F. Maluendo	Sr. D. Carbonel Joverñ ...	*Sec*, Calle del Cid 16, Alicante.
	Coruña Centre ...	...	...	Sr. D. Florencio Pol ...	Ordenes, Galicia.
			Switzerland.		
Zurich ...	Zurich Lodge ...	1896	Herr. J. Sponheimer ...	Dr. A. Gysi	*Sec.*, Börsenstrasse, 14, Zurich, I.
	Geneva Centre ...	...	...	Herr Karl Brünnich	Ingenieur, rue Prévost-Martin, 31, Geneva.
	Locarno Centre ...	...	...	Dr. Pioda ...	Locarno.

Address :—G. R. S. Mead, General Secretary, 19, Avenue Road, Regent's Park, N. W., London.

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SCANDINAVIAN SECTION.

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
			Sweden.		
	Original Swedish Lodge Charter ...	1889	...	...	...
Stockholm ...	Stockholm Lodge* ...	1893	Herr A. Knos ...	Fru Alme Edstrom ...	Uplandsgatan 22, Stockholm.
Do ...	Orion Lodge* ...	1893	Herr J. F. Rossander ...	Fru Ada Rossander ...	Lilljansplan 7, do.
Do ...	Ajax Lodge* ...	1895	Dr. Emil Zander ...	Herr O. Zander ...	Hokensgatan 10, do
Gotenburg ...	Gotenburg Lodge* ...	1893	Herr E. Liljestrand ...	Fru H. Sjostedt ...	Viktoriagatan 15, Götenburg.
Lund ...	Lund Lodge* ...	1893	Herr H. Sjöström ...	Herr O. E. Hagg ...	Lilla Tvargatan 23, Lund.
Örebro ...	Örebro Lodge K. V. ...	1893	Fru Annie Wallström ...	Fru Annie Wallström ...	Engelbrohtagat 17, Örebro.
Smedjebacken ...	Smedjebacken Lodge ...	1894	Herr G. Weibull ...	Herr G. Weibull ...	Starbo, Gräsberg.
Jönköping ...	Jönköping Lodge* ...	1894	Herr C. M. Ericsson ...	Herr G. Nyman ...	Stora Hotellet : Jönköping.
Solleftea ...	Solleftea Lodge* ...	1895	Herr Aug. Berglund ...	Herr A. Westbarg ...	Solleftea.
Upsala ...	Upsala Lodge ...	1895	Herr G. A. Ahlstrand ...	Herr Hj. Lindborg ...	Borjegat 13, Upsala.
Lulea ...	Bäfrast Lodge* ...	1897	Herr S. T. Sven-Nilsson...	...	Lulea.
			Norway.		
Christiania ...	The Norwegian T. S.* ...	1893	Herr R. Eriksen ...	Herr Ole W. Dahl ...	Rodfyldegaden 18, Christiania.
			Denmark.		
Copenhagen ...	Copenhagen Lodge* ...	1893	Herr G. Howitz ...	Herr Anker Larson ...	Osterbrogade 126 iv, Copenhagen

Address :—Herr A. Zettersten, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Nybrogatan 30, Stockholm, Sweden.

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NETHERLANDS SECTION.

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Amsterdam ...	Amsterdam Lodge ...	1891	Te Herr W. B. Fricke ...	Te Herr H. W. van Coehoorn	*Pres.*, Amsteldijk, 76, Nieuer Amstel, Amsterdam.
Gelderland ...	Vahana Lodge ...	1891	Te Herr K. P. C. de Bazel	Miss Gruntke ...	*Pres.*, Bourmalsen, Gelderland.
Haarlem ...	Haarlem Lodge ...	1891	Te Herr van Manen ...	Te Herr J. Hallo ...	...
Helder ...	The Helder Lodge ...	1891	Te Herr T. van Zuilen ...	Te Herr S. Gazan ...	*Pres.*, Molenstraat, 64, Helder, Holland.
Rotterdam ...	Rotterdam Lodge ...	1897	Te Herr Hagenberg ...	Te Herr I. A. Ferwiel ...	...
Hague ...	The Hague Lodge ...	1897	Dr. Binenweg ...	Miss C. DePrez ...	...
Vlaardingen ...	Vlaardingen Lodge ...	1897	Te Herr DeLange ...	...	...

Address :— Te Herr W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Amsteldijk, 76, Amsterdam.

AUSTRALASIAN SECTION.

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Sydney ...	Sydney T. S. ...	1891	Mr. Geo. Peell ...	Mr. G. H. Chappell ...	T. S., 42, Margaret St., Sydney.
Do Surry Hills	Dayspring T. S. ...	1895	Mr. G. W. Marks ..	Mr. Wesslink ...	T. S. Room. Redfern Town Hall, Sydney.
Melbourne ...	Melbourne T. S. ...	1890	Mr. H. W. Hunt ...	Mr. S. Studd ...	178, Collins St., Melbourne.
South Yarra, Melb.	Ibis T. S. ...	1894	Mr. C. M. Sinclair ...	Miss C. Birnie ...	T. S., 8, Garden St., S. Yarra, Victoria.
Adelaide ...	Adelaide T. S. ...	1891	Mr. N. A. Knox ...	Miss Kate Castle ..	T. S. Victoria Square, East.
Brisbane ...	Queensland T. S. ...	1891	Mr. W. G. John ...	Mr. W. A. Mayers ...	T. S., Albert and Elizabeth Sts., Brisbane, Queensland.
Bundaberg ..	Bundaberg T. S. ...	1894		Mrs. Nicol ...	Custom Household, Bundaberg, Queensland.
Rockhampton ...	Capricornian T. S. ...	1893	Mrs. M. A. Irwin ...	Mr. W. Irwin ...	Rockhampton, Queensland.
Maryborough ...	Maryborough T. S. ...	1896	Mr. F. J. Charlton ...	Mrs. Julius ...	Maryborough, Queensland.
Cairns ...	Cairns T. S. ...	1896		Mr. C. Handley ...	Cairns, Queensland.
Hobart, Tasmania..	Hobart T. S. ...	1890	Mr. J. Benjamin ...	Mr. J. W. Beattie ...	53, Elizabeth St., Hobart.
Perth, W. A. ...	Perth T. S. ...	1897		Mr. W. W. Knight ...	G. P. O., Perth.
Mt. David, Rockley, N. S. W. ...	Mt. David T. S. ...	1897	Mr. H. Wiederseltn ...	Mr. A. N. Smith ...	Mt. David, Rockley, N. S. W.

There are centres at Launceston in Tasmania, Mt. Gambier in South Australia, Newcastle N. S. W., Toowoomba and Gympie in Queensland.

Address :—J. Scott, M. A., General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42, Margaret St., Sydney.

NEW ZEALAND SECTION.

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Auckland ...	Auckland T. S. ...	1891	Mr. S. Stuart ...	Mr. W. H. Draffin ...	Mount Meru, Sarsfield Street, Ponsonby, Auckland.
Wellington ...	Wellington T. S. ...	1888 re-organized 1894	...	Mr. J. Davidson ...	23, Owen Street, Newtown, Wellington.
Dunedin ...	Dunedin T. S. ...	1893	Mr. G. Richardson ...	Mr. A. W. Maurais ...	"Star" Office, Dunedin
Christchurch ...	Christchurch T. S. ...	1894	Mr. J. Bigg-Wither ...	Mr. J. McCombs ...	3, York Street, Christchurch.
Woodville ...	Woodville T. S. ...	1895	Mr. W. Nicholson ...	Mrs. Gilbert ...	"Woodlands," Napier Road, Woodville.
Pahiatua ...	Pahiatua T. S. ...	1895	Mrs. Moore ...	Miss Moore ...	Council-Chambers, Pahiatua.
Auckland ...	Waitemata T. S. ...	1896	Mrs. Draffin ...	Mr. J. Dinsdale ...	B. C. Office, Devonport, Auckland.
Wanganui ...	Wanganui T. S. ...	1896	...	...	...

Address:—Mr. C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, Mutual Life Buildings, Lower Queen Street, Auckland, N. Z.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Japan ...	Yamato T. S. ...	1889	...	Mr. M. Matsuyama ...	Nishi Hongwanji, Kioto, Japan.
Manilla ...	Manilla T. S. ..	1892	...	Mr. B. C. Bridger ...	Escotta, 14, Manilla.
Buenos Ayres ...	Luz T. S. ...	1893	Señor Federico W. Fernandes ...	Señor Alejandro Sojondro.	Buenos Ayres, S. America.
South Africa ...	Johannesburg T. S. ...			Lewis Ritch ...	Box 936, Johannesburg, South Africa.

☞ Blanks and errors indicate that Branches have failed to report official addresses. Branches and Fellows are warned against impostors collecting money without written authority from the President or General Secretaries of Sections, and beggars who use their own, or stolen diplomas to extort charity to which their characters do not entitle them.

RULES OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

As revised in General Council, July 9, 1896.

CONSTITUTION.

1. The title of this Society, which was formed at New York, United States of America, on the 17th of November, 1875, is the "Theosophical Society."

2. The objects of the Theosophical Society are:

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of comparative religion, philosophy and science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

3. The Theosophical Society has no concern with politics, caste rules and social observances. It is unsectarian, and demands no assent to any formula of belief, as a qualification of membership.

Membership.

4. Every application for membership must be made on an authorized form, and must be endorsed by two members of the Society and signed by the applicant; but no persons under age shall be admitted without the consent of their guardians.

5. Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Branch, the General Secretary of a Section, or the Recording Secretary, and a certificate of membership, bearing the signature of the President and the seal of the Society, and countersigned by one of the above-named officers, shall be issued to the member.

Officers.

6. The Society shall have a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer.

7. The President-Founder, Colonel H. S. Olcott, holds the office of President of the Theosophical Society for life, and has the right of nominating his successor, subject to the ratification of the Society.

8. The term of the Presidency is seven years (subject to the exception named in Rule 7.)

9. The President shall nominate the Vice-President, subject to election by the Society. The Vice-President's term of office shall expire upon the election of a new President.

10. The appointments to the offices of the Recording Secretary and the Treasurer shall be vested in the President.

11. The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of the Society, and shall be one of the trustees and administrators for property of all kinds, of which the Society as a whole is possessed.

12. The President shall have the power to make provisional appointments to fill all vacancies that occur in the offices of the Society, and shall have discretionary powers in all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

13. On the death or resignation of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the presidential duties until a successor takes office.

Organization.

14. Any seven members may apply to be chartered as a Branch, the application to be forwarded to the President through the Secretary of the nearest Section.

15. The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for charters, which, if issued, must bear his signature and the seal of the Society, and be recorded at the Head-quarters of the Society.

16. A Section may be formed by the President of the Society, upon the application of seven or more chartered Branches.

17. All Charters of Sections or Branches, and all certificates of membership, derive their authority from the President, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

18. Each Branch and Section shall have the power of making its own Rules, provided they do not conflict with the general rules of the Society, and the Rules shall become valid unless their confirmation be refused by the President.

19. Every Section must appoint a General Secretary, who shall be the channel of communication between the President and the Section.

20. The General Secretary of each Section shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the 1st day of November, a report of the work of his Section up to that date, and at any time furnish any further information the President may desire.

Administration.

21. The general control and administration of the Society is vested in a General Council, consisting of the President, Vice-President, and the General Secretaries.

22. No person can hold two offices in the General Council.

Election of President.

23. Six months before the expiration of a President's term of office his successor shall be nominated by the General Council, and the nomination shall be sent out by the Vice-President to the General Secretaries and Recording Secretary. Each General Secretary shall take the votes of his Section according to its rules, and the Recording Secretary shall take those of the remaining members of the Society. A majority of two-thirds of the recorded votes shall be necessary for election.

Head-quarters.

24. The Head-quarters of the Society are established at Adyar, Madras, India.

25. The Head-quarters and all other property of the Society, including the Adyar Library, the permanent and other Funds, are vested in the Trustees for the time being of the Theosophical Society appointed or acting under a Deed of Trust dated the 14th day of December 1892, and recorded in the Chingleput District Office, Madras, India.

Finance.

26. The fees payable to the General Treasury by Branches *not comprised within the limits of any Section* are as follows: For Charter, £1; for each Certificate of Membership, 5*s.*; for the Annual Subscription of each member, 5*s.* or equivalents.

27. Unattached Members not belonging to any Section or Branch shall pay an Annual Subscription of £1 to the General Treasury.

28. Each Section shall pay into the General Treasury one-fourth of the total amount received by it from annual dues and entrance fees.

29. The Treasurer's accounts shall be yearly certified as correct by qualified auditors appointed by the President.

Meeting.

30. The Annual General meeting of the Society shall be held at Adyar in the month of December.

31. The President shall also have the power to convene special meetings at discretion.

Revision.

32. The rules of the Society remain in force until amended by the General Council.

True Copy. Official.

H. S. Olcott, P. T. S.

C. W. Leadbeater,

Secretary to the Meeting of Council.

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T. S. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

I hereby beg leave to acknowledge with thanks the following donations and subscriptions to the various funds of the T. S. from 26th August to 23rd September 1897.

Head-Quarter's Fund.	RS.	A.	P.
Mr. D. D. Chidester, per Mr. Alexander Fullerton, Donation ...	15	4	0
Mr. Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, T. S. for 25 % Dues £ 10-4-4 as per P. O. Schedule No. 33 ...	153	4	0

Adyar,
23rd September 1897.

T. Vijiaraghava Charlu,
Treasurer, T. S.

LECTURES IN TASMANIA.

The *Tasmanian News*, of August 10th, gives brief abstracts from a couple of lectures delivered there, by Col. Olcott and Miss Edger. We glean therefrom the following ideas. The President-Founder stated that the ideal of Theosophy was that of a practical Brotherhood, and that those who believed that there was such sunshine for all men, seek to gather together such a Brotherhood. This was the right ideal to hold up to Christians, an ideal that would sap away the foundations of immorality, so prevalent among the young people throughout the Australian colonies. This state of things would not exist if people did their duty to their families, and held up the bright side of religion to the world. The eager scramble for money in these days, broke down the religious sentiment, and an ideal of this character was low. The Colonel was attentively listened to, throughout.

Miss Edger, who followed, prefaced her remarks by assuming that she was speaking to lovers of religion. She spoke of the Theosophical Doctrine as being a sort of true and pure commonwealth, an ideal which the church of the future would do well to adopt. The platform of the speaker was that of the building up of a religious philosophy dedicated to the service of mankind generally, without dogmatism or antagonism; a platform that embraced the fundamental principles of all religions, and the worship of the Deity, without interfering with anybody's creed. "Theosophy, taken in its Divine Sense, is Divine Wisdom and truth......... If there is anything in religion that is not Divine, that is not Divine Wisdom but some man's opinion who might imagine himself to be in the possession of truth." A Theosophist meant one who endeavoured to sacrifice his personality to this truth. She gave it as her opinion that if there was this enormous fund of Divine truth at the back of religion, there must be a progress in religion.

As Miss Edger proceeded, her audience was drawn nearer to her, and she seemed to communicate to them, some of her own depth of earnestness when she strove to impress on their minds that all religion was of the greatest moment to every one, but that they should strive to make that religion purer and broader, and this was what Theosophy sought to do. Theosophy was not opposed to the Churches but it tried to crush narrow dogmatism. Theosophy was the very essence of every spiritual religion.

With a clear and well modulated voice, and wonderfully sustained earnestness she impressed her hearers with the sincerity of her convictions as she went on to show how Theosophy had sought to give birth to a true Brotherhood of man, the teaching of social righteousness and the rooting out of social evils. Her concluding remarks led one to believe that the object of Theosophy was not to manufacture a god out of the personal self, but to aid the Divinity in man to manifest its power and wisdom. All differences could be sunk in a Brotherhood of this kind, which had for its foundation a recognition of the omnipresent supremacy of the Eternal Spirit over matter and form.

AMERICA.

Recording Secretary, Theosophical Society,
Adyar, Madras, India.

DEAR SIR,

On August 1st a charter was issued to the Omaha T. S., Omaha, Nebraska, with seven charter members; on August 3rd to the Menominee, T. S., Menominee, Wisconsin, with nine charter members; on August 6th to the Kalamazoo T. S., Kalamazoo, Michigan, with seven charter members; on August 15th to the Jackson T. S., Jackson, Michigan, with eleven charter members; and on August 18th to the Ann Arbor T. S., Ann Arbor, Michigan, with twelve charter members. The Lynn T. S., Lynn, Mass., seceded in 1895 and joined Mr. Judge's Society, but has now returned to the T. S., and resumed its place on the roll. Twelve of its fourteen members voted in favor of applying for restoration to the Theosophical Society. This is the first Branch to recant its secession. All of these new Branches are due to the labors of Mrs. Besant. The number of Branches in the American Section is now 43.

Yours fraternally,
(Sd.) ALEXANDER FULLERTON,
General Secretary.

THE SARASWAT INSTITUTION OF CALCUTTA.

We are glad to inform our readers that Major-General W. L. Dalrymple, C. B., commanding Nurbudda District, has kindly lent his name to be associated with the above Institution as Patron. In communicating the above welcome news to the proprietor, General Dalrymple writes:—"I shall be very pleased to become a patron of the Saraswat Institution if by so doing I can help you in your endeavour to raise the standard of your school and to educate your pupils on good and broad principles, and I may add that the manner you carried on your duties whilst I was in charge of the office of Military Secretary to the Viceroy, encourages me to believe that you will at least deserve success in your undertaking."

Under the auspices of the Zemindari Panchayet there is a class attached to the Institution in which instructions in Zemindari Accounts, Revenue Laws, Surveying, &c., are imparted.

It is also in the contemplation of the proprietor to open an industrial class in connection with the Institution for which he has been able to secure the co-operation of Mr. T. N. Mukerjee, F. L. G. The students of the Institution will be shown samples of products and manufactures of India; instructions will be given relating to the vast undeveloped resources of India and such information imparted as may be easily grasped by young minds and which may prove highly useful in a practical point of view in after life. There is a Sanskrit department attached to the Institution where Aryan Literature, Hindu Philosophy, Tantra, &c., &c., are taught, free of charge.

Major-General G. de C. Morton, C. B., Adjutant-General in India, visited the Institution and made the following remarks:—"I visited the Saraswat Institution in Calcutta last month at the request of Babu Ram Madhub Chatterjee and Babu Nagendra Nath Chatterjee and was much pleased with what I saw. I examined some boys in every class. They seem to be carefully taught and to profit by their teaching, and I was much struck with the in-

telligence and interest displayed. The school seems to meet a great want in the demand for education and I think its promoters deserve every success."

The papers connected with the Institution were recently laid before Colonel, His Highness Maharaja Sir Nrependra Narayana Bhup Bahadur, of Cooch Behar, G. C. I. E., A.D.C. to His Royal Highness, Prince of Wales. His Highness has been much pleased with the progress the Institution has made during the short time it has been in existence and expressed his opinion that the idea of imparting healthy moral education along with ordinary school instruction, is an excellent one and that the method introduced for carrying this out seems to be well adapted to the students of the country.

In appreciation of the aim and object of the Institution and of the excellent work done by His Highness he is pleased to allow his name to be associated with the Institution as a Patron.

The management of the Institution is vested in a Committee composed of some of the well-known gentlemen of Calcutta whose connection with the Institution is a sufficient guarantee for its efficiency and success.

A MORAL ASSOCIATION.

A Correspondent of the *Indian Mirror* writes:—The Metropolitan Temperance and Purity Association, which was established during the last Congress season, has Mr. A. M. Bose for its President, and the Hon'ble Kali Charan Bannerji, as Vice-President. The Association is controlled by an Executive Committee with Babu Sasi Bhusan Bose as Secretary. The Association wants to wage a war against all sorts of impurity, but at present it has taken in hand six undisputed sources of evil in conformity with the wishes of many Hindu parents. On the 14th August last, the opening public meeting of the Association was held in the Hall of the General Assembly's Institution, where Mr. Bose took the chair and the Hon'ble Kali Charan Bannerji delivered an impressive address on "Temperance and Purity." The Committee intends to publish the lecture in a pamphlet form. The members are required to give their signatures to the following six pledges:—

1. "I shall abstain from all untruthful, foul and obscene talk and coarse jests.
2. "I shall refrain from personal impurities.
3. "I shall respect and honor women.
4. "I shall neither attend theatres, with public women as actresses nor shall I encourage them.
5. "I shall abstain from the use of all intoxicating drugs and liquors, except under medical advice, and shall, so far as lies in my power, discourage their use by others.
6. "I shall not encourage obscene literature, and I shall try my best to prevent the circulation of such literature.

"In the name of God, I subscribe to the pledge that I shall strictly observe the above rules in my life, and failing, shall return this card to the Metropolitan Temperance and Purity Association."

They have also to pay a nominal subscription of at least one anna a month. The office of the Association is at 222, Carnwallis Street, where candidates may apply for membership.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S TOUR.

Our Southern Provincial Secretary, K. Narayansami Aiyar, has been touring in the Tinnevelly District and says: I have been able to revive two dormant Branches and to form two new ones. The former two are at Ambasamudram and Strivilliputur and the latter two at Srivaiguntam and Satur. At Ambasamudram, three new members were initiated and at Strivilliputur twelve new members were taken in. The Srivaiguntam Branch is composed of nine members and the Satur Branch of seven.

I have been asked by people from Periya-Kulam to go to that place on the 18th instant, and revive the dormant Branch there. After delivering a series of lectures here, I mean to go there on the 17th instant. After these parts of the District are canvassed I intend visiting Trivandram.

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Though far away, at the Antipodes, the President-Founder keeps his thoughts fixed upon Adyar and is sending preliminary instructions about the arrangements for the December Convention. It is now settled that Miss Lilian Edger, M.A., the General Secretary of the New Zealand Section T. S., and the finest platform orator of her sex in Australasia, will accompany Col. Olcott on his return to Head-quarters and will give the usual four morning lectures in the regretted absence of our Queen of Speakers, Mrs. Besant. The Australian press speak of the matter and manner of her lectures in terms of highest praise, and Col. Olcott writes that our Hindu colleagues will be touched with her deep earnestness and sincerity as well as by the classical purity of her language. Miss Edger and her sister were the second and third ladies to take the M. A. degree of the University of New Zealand, and, entering the Educational field, Miss Lilian, when she retired from service to open an Academy of her own was in receipt of the large salary of £250 per annum. Her contact with the Theosophical movement, awakened in her so intense a desire to share in its labors, that she threw up all worldly employment and gave her life to the, to us, sacred cause. Her ardent wish has long been to come to India and breathe its sanctified atmosphere, and now it will shortly be gratified. Her passage and that of the President-Founder have been taken by the Orient Steamer "Oruba," which should land them at Colombo about the 25th of November and enable them to get to Adyar a few days later. A warm brotherly welcome awaits both.

ADYAR LIBRARY.

The following books have been added during the last month:—

DONATED:—

Buddhist Catechism, 33rd edition, from Col. H. S. Olcott; *Human Magnetism*, by Professor Coates, from George Redway; *Traité des Causes Secondes*, by Jean Trithême, from Chamuel, Paris; *On The Outer Rim*, from Geo. E. Wright, Chicago; Four pamphlets on "The Brotherhood of the New Life," *viz.*; *Internal Respiration*, *The impending World Crisis*, *The Divine Incarnation*, and *The Second Advent*, from the publisher. E. W. Allen, London.

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HEAD-QUARTERS FUND.	RS.	A.	P.
Mr. C. Sambiah, Mylapore, subscription	3	0	0
" David D. Chidester, Ohio, per Mr. Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, New York, Donation ...	15	9	0
" Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, 25 per cent. dues to Head-Quarters, by M. O. for £10-4-4 as per P. O. Schedule No. 34	155	11	0
LIBRARY FUND.			
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ADYAR,
26th October 1897.

T. VIJIA RAGHAVA CHARLU,
Treasurer, T. S.

CONVENTION AND MISS EDGER'S LECTURES.

Our Indian members will please bear in mind that the Convention of the Indian Section T. S., will be held, *not at Benares this year*, but at Adyar, in connection with the Anniversary Convention in December. Miss Lilian Edger, M. A., will deliver the four morning lectures.

We are pleased to learn that she has chosen as the subjects of her lectures at the Convention:

THEOSOPHY APPLIED :—

1. In the State ;
2. In Society ;
3. In the Home ;
4. In Religion.

The practical good sense shown in this selection is evident. We have been talking Theosophy too much and acting it too little, all these years ; making it too much an intellectual concept and too little a guide in life.

THE PRESIDENT AND MISS EDGER.

Our latest news from Col. Olcott was from Nelson, New Zealand, on September 26, where he and Miss Edger were lecturing with the usual success. It appears that Miss Edger's University career was most brilliant. She won a Junior Scholarship (Latin, Mathematics, History, English and French) in 1878; a Senior Scholarship (Mathematics) in 1879; another one (English) in 1880; graduated B. A. in 1880, and M. A. in Arts, with honors (Latin Language and English Literature) in 1881. She will give the four morning lectures at the Convention, Dec. 27, 28, 29 and 30, at the usual hour, 8 A. M. Col. Olcott will give her a Reception at Adyar, Dec. 17th, invitations to which will be circulated.

Besides Miss Edger we are to have the presence of Mlle. Gernet, F. T. S., of St. Petersburg, at the Convention. She is a very learned lady, a member of various noted societies, and the friend of Prince Ouchtomsky, the Buddhist scholar.

THEOSOPHICAL LECTURES IN NEW ZEALAND.

There was a very good attendance at the Art Gallery last evening, when Miss Lilian Edger and Colonel H. S. Olcott continued their series of theosophical lectures. Mr. J. B. Wither, president of the local branch of the Theosophical Society, occupied the chair.

Miss Edger opened with a compact statement of the theory of the operation of the law of Karma, with its corollary, reincarnation. Taking it for granted that we live in a universe of law and not of chance, she showed that the only hypothesis to account for the social and individual conditions about us was that they were the indubitable outcome of antecedent causes; which causes were, for the most part, set up by the present races of mankind in previous existences upon this earth. This law of cause and effect was now known by the Sanskrit name of "Karma," a derivation of the verb "to do"; hence the "law of action." From the nature of spirit, she argued that it must—being of Divine origin—be an active factor in human evolution. Hence this spirit would have to reclothe itself in successive bodies for the working of its Karma and the getting of fresh experience, which would result in wisdom and in the avoidance of the causes of re-birth. The ultimate goal was reunion with the All. Miss Edger's address was attentively listened to and much applauded at the close.

Colonel Olcott followed with an examination of the claims of Spiritualism and the connection of its phenomena with the problems of matter and of mind. Touching upon the scornful tone so often used by the opponents of Spiritualism, he said that it was amusing to see that their scorn was proportionate to their dense ignorance of the facts. Some of the most eminent contemporary men of science were showing the deepest interest in the question, and had recently published papers, pamphlets and books embodying the result of their researches. The failure hitherto to bring scientists and spiritualists into close touch was due to faults and shortcomings on both sides. Scientists had been too dogmatic, and spiritualists too slipshod in the observation of their phenomena. The illogical optimism of the spiritualistic theory did not commend itself to Eastern philosophers, for it taught no reasonable theory of the punishment of evil deeds on the plane of existence on which they had been committed. Mediums, it was true, were often detected in trickery, which was very reprehensible, but at the same time the speaker maintained that the spiritualistic public were far more to blame than the mediums themselves. While in their congregations they provided for the housing, feeding and clothing of their clergymen, they allowed the poor mediums to shift for themselves, and it was in human nature that the latter should, instead of the alternative of starving and being turned out of their homes, take the money offered them by visitors at *séances*, at times when the atmospheric and other conditions were not favourable for genuine phenomena. He doubted if any business man among his hearers would show greater honesty in his business if brought to a similar crisis. The safe way was to discount in advance all phenomena that could be accounted for on the theory of collusion and trickery. The residue would be found so valuable as to warrant the careful study of the facts. Paying a tribute to the scientific pre-eminence of Professor Crookes,

Colonel Olcott read extracts from his recent public address upon the phenomenal facts that he had observed and thoroughly verified. A diagram was exhibited showing the experiments of Professor Zöllner, of Leipsic University, with the medium Slade, in the course of which two rings, turned out of different kinds of wood, had been threaded without fracture of the fibre, upon the pillar of a table made of a third kind of wood. The table and rings were, he said, still to be seen at Leipsic University, and triumphantly answered sneerers, who considered spiritualistic phenomena all trash. He spoke of the Eastern belief in elemental spirits, sub-human entities, which pervade the kingdoms of nature, and which are controllable by a developed human intelligence. Colonel Olcott gave a number of interesting accounts of his personal researches during the past forty-five years, and aroused applause by his appeal to all persons to take up this subject with calm and unbiassed minds, for the sake of arriving at the truth about the constitution of the universe about us and of our own selves.

To-night Colonel Olcott will continue his interesting lecture on the "Divine Art of Healing," at the Oddfellows' Hall, at eight o'clock; and on Friday evening, at the Art Gallery, Miss Edger and he will make their last appearance in Christchurch.—*Lyttelton Times, September 9th, 1897.*

KRISHNA-CULT *VS.* CHURCHISM.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN MIRROR."]

SIR,—In the *Christian College Magazine* for September, there is an editorial, criticizing a certain article by "Mr. Kannoo Mal" on "Christ, an Imitation of Krishna." In it the editor claims, with bold assumption, that all that is good in modern civilization is Western, and that all that is Western is Christian, or due to the influence of Christianity. *Per contra*, all that is base and degraded in India is due to the influence of the "Krishna-cult." The worthy Editor is evidently ignorant of the law of cause and effect, or else, Hebrew-like, he takes the position that whatever is done by him and his church, is done by God, no matter whether that act is moral or immoral—the reason being that the church is guided by God. If one wishes to be up with the times, one must also have the true spirit of modern thought, *viz.*, to have the truth at any price. If we wish to know what the real influence of the church has been, we must go to secular history. What do we find has been the main effort of the church fathers, from the time of their earliest records to the present day? *Obscurantism.* It is one awful record of suppression of truth, suppression of freedom, suppression of education. Nothing is so deadly a sin as to try and utilize your God-given, your noblest attribute, your mind, unless you do so to maintain the position of the priests. From the destruction of the libraries in the third and fourth centuries; to the present day when free schools are the greatest thorns in the side of the Roman church, it is nothing but the suppression of knowledge. From the founding of the Holy (*sic*) Inquisition to the latest Papal Bull against the scientists, the greatest heresy is to think, and without thought man is but a brute. The Protestant movement is no better. Beginning with the noble ideal of man's freedom of thought and conscience, Protestants fell into sects, that now hate each other with a truly church-like hatred. Who died by the dagger, the rack and the torch, up to this century, but the thinkers, the inventors, the scientists? Who burned harmless mediums and spiritualists by the score? The church of universal peace and good-will to men. What is the foundation of modern civilization but freedom? The Independence of America and the French Revolution established man's bodily freedom, and then his mental and moral bondage was thrown off. Who are the inventors and builders of Western civilization? They are the scientists, the freethinkers, the lovers of truth and reason, the Theosophists. The electric light, by which the pious missionary finds his way safely home, is the invention of a man who thinks little of the church, one whom that same pious missionary,

200 years ago, would have consigned to the flames for the glory of God. Is the history of Spain and her conquest of Mexico and Peru under the banner of the Cross; is the history of the witch persecutions, the slave-trade in America, and the opposition to science and education; are these, I say, evidence that the Church of Christianity has fulfilled the mission of Him of Nazareth? are these examples of turning one cheek when the other is smitten, or a returning good for evil? The civilization of the West depended on the wane of church power (and that of the East will also). When men could think of God, Truth, and Nature without the sanction or limitation of the priests, then humanity began to advance to its proper place in creation, and when man can stand alone, each on a firm basis of his own, each with a personal knowledge of Divinity, then only will their evolution be complete. Science has pushed the church out of untenable, and yet fundamental beliefs, one after another. The Bible and the creeds are being revised and altered to suit nature and reason, and yet the churchmen have the effrontery to say: "We have done all this." If they have the truth, why have they submitted? If they are the moulders of civilization and progress, why is Draper's book true? Really, the ease with which some churchmen assume the honor due to others, is worthly of a Machiavelli. So much for the writer's claim that churchism is civilization.

The charge of immorality in the "Krishna-cult" has some basis of truth. It certainly is bad to have immoralities in your books, even if thereby you can point a moral. But what about the Bible? What about the "virgin or two" that was assigned to each Hebrew soldier as "spoil"? How does it happen that harlots play such a part in Hebrew history, and are mostly chosen as instruments of God's will? Why did Jesus associate with the harlot Mary, and why did he forgive the adulterous woman, if it is so heinous? If Christianity has such a high moral influence, why is it so easy to find the lowest and most unnatural debauchery in every Christian city? Why do all appliances for vice and abortion and unnatural crime find makers and buyers in every European city? Why is "most Christian" France so noted for lewdness on stage, and in books, that the term "Frenchy" has arisen to denote subjects and books that a manly man cannot read, for nauseating disgust? If the Christians are so horrified at such things, why don't they stay at home, and save their own people? Child-marriage is, perhaps, a great mistake, but many a marriage is not consummated till the parties are at a mature age. Anyhow, it is no worse than the Christian laws, that make the violation of a girl of seven or ten years of age the same as a crime against a mature female, "because she was old enough to have given consent." She is not married, she is not maintained in dignity and honor. Oh no. She is an outcast, a sinner; but the idea is evidently not so abhorrent as a legitimate marriage, or else the Christians would not be out here decrying child-marriage. The church, with its grand facility of changing every fundamental dogma to suit science and reason, must naturally survive every shock. But the church, as it stands to-day, is doomed; and in its place will stand the teachings of Jesus the Christ, the grand, simple devotion to truth, the humility, love, and good will, which, alas, is still far from obtaining a foothold in the Church Militant.—*The Indian Mirror.*

Yours, &c.,

A Christian,

(A. F. Knudsen.)

CHARTER OF THE BRANCH AT NICE.

The General Secretary of the European Section T. S., writes as follows :—

I have pleasure in informing you that a Charter, dated July 2nd, 1897, has been granted to Mrs. Terrell, Mme. Gaçon, C. de Lamotte, Mme. Mialle, Mlle. A. Flachat, Mme. Raterout, Mme. Bertha Erhard, and H. de Castro, to be known as the Nice Branch of the Theosophical Society.

QUEENSLAND THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

BRISBANE (ELIZABETH STREET, NEAR CORNER OF ALBERT STREET).

Syllabus for September, 1897.

Fortnightly Lodge Meetings, Wednesdays, 8 P. M. Paper or address followed by free discussion of same: each speaker allowed 7 minutes. Public are admitted, and invited by advertisement :—

1st September	" Zoroastrianism."	Mr. W. A. Mayers
15th do	" Buddhism."	Mr. W. G. John.

Sunday Evening, Public lectures : 7-30. Public invited by advertisement. Questions answered at close of address.

	Speaker.	Subject.
5th September,	Mr. W. G. John	" Punishment as a Means to Progression."
12th do	„ R. Wishart.	" Evolution of the Divine in Man."
19th do	„ W. A. Mayers	" Theosophy as a Solution of the Enigmas of Life."
26th do	„ R. J. Cottell.	" Atlantis : Its People."

Our room is open for class or library purposes on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7 to 9. P.M. The Key to Theosophy Class on Tuesdays. Secret Doctrine on Fridays. All enquirers are welcome to either, whether members or not.

Any members or friends having enquiries for books on Theosophical subjects are reminded that we have a fresh stock of literature from London for sale, and can make reference to the undersigned.

W. A. MAYERS,
Toowong, Brisbane, Australia.

NEW BRANCH IN SALEM.

The Secretary of the Salem Theosophical Society sends us the following :

Under a Charter, dated 20th September 1897, the first meeting of the Salem Theosophical Society was held on September 2nd, when the following office-bearers were elected : Mr. T. N. Ramachandra Aiyar, B. A. (Treasury Deputy Collector), Salem, *President* ; Mr. T. Ramanujam Pillai (Sub-Engineer, D. P. W., Tiruppathur), *Vice-President* ; Mr. R. Anantharama Aiyar, B.A., B.L. (High Court Vakil, Salem), *Secretary*; and Mr. B. S. Ramaswami Aiyar (Deputy Accountant, Collector's Office, Salem), *Treasurer*.

BRANCH AND MISSIONARY WORK.

Our Brother R. Jagannathiah who started for the Northern Circars, writes from Camp Bezwada, on September 30th, where he has been preaching daily during the Krishna Pushkaras. Many thousands of people from abroad were in attendance and some discussions were held with missionaries, which resulted in good.

TUESDAY, *28th September*.

We have been asked to publish the following appeal :—

With the object of removing a long-felt want the Calcutta Orphanage was established in February 1892. This Institution is open to Hindu orphans of

s, who have no one to take care of them. They are housed, nursed, ᴗed and educated free of any charge whatever. The Orphanage ᴗself as a home to those poor boys and girls who are left to wander in the streets and adopt begging as a mode of support or are compelled ᴗve recourse to dishonest and disreputable means of livelihood. Some- ᴗ ᴗs a number of helpless children from Hospitals, &c., &c., are brought in by the Police. It humbly tries to make the inmates thereof feel as if they were under the tender care of parents and in the midst of healthy moral influences which are peculiar to home. There are at present 43 inmates from two-and-a-half to fourteen years of age in the Orphanage which is located at present in a rented house No. 3/2 Brindaban Mullick's Lane, Badur Bagan, under the care of the Superintendent who resides there with his wife, who stands as a mother to the poor orphans.

The Institution is very much in need of public support. Its monthly expenditure is at present nearly Rs. 400, including house rent, &c., but its average regular monthly and annual subscription does not exceed Rs. 125; the balance is made up by uncertain income, which sometimes makes the work of maintaining the institution very difficult. We, therefore, beg to solicit aid from the generous public. Any help in the shape of monthly or annual subscription will be most welcome. Donations, however small, will also be thankfully received.

The management of the Institution has just been entrusted to a small Executive Committee consisting of the Hon'ble Babu Surendra Nath Banerji —*Chairman*; Pandit Gour Govinda Roy Upadhaya—*Vice Chairman*; Kumar Manmatha Nath Mittra, Roy Bahadur, Babu Mahendra Nath Bose, Babu Jogendra Chandra Aich and Dr. Debendra Chandra Aich—*Members*.

R. N. Mukherjee,
Nalin Behari Sircar,
Joint Secretaries,
Prana Krishna Dutta,
Asst. Secretary & Superintendent.

Calcutta Orphanage,
3-2 *Brindaban Mullick's Lane*,
Badur Bagan.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY.

The following books have been added to the Library:—

Purchased:—

Sacred books of the East, vols. 42 and 46; *Yogavâsishtha* (English translation), 2 vols.

Donated:—

Vedic Religion, vol. I., Part I., from the author, A. Mahâdeva Sâstri; *Beauties of Marie Corelli*, from George Redway; *Thoughts* (poems), from the author W. H.; the following books and pamphlets by T. L. Harris; *The Great Republic* (poem), *Lyra Triumphalis* (poem), *The New Republic, Brotherhood of the New Life*, and *God's Breath in Man*, from the publisher, E. W. Allen, London.

The *Chindrika Series*, 3 vols., consisting of more than forty books, from Mr. G. Krishna Sastry.

R. Ananthakrishna Sastry,
Librarian.

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EXECUTIVE NOTICE.

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,
AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND, *October 9th*, 1897.

The following Official Letter has been received:—

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY:
NEW ZEALAND SECTION,
GENERAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, *October 7th.*

The President-Founder, Theosophical Society.

Dear sir and brother, will you be so good as to give me some definite official instruction as to what course is to be pursued in the following cases:—

1. If any persons who have seceded from the Theosophical Society and joined the Society known as "The Theosophical Society in America," should apply for re-admission to the Theosophical Society through the officials of any Branch?

2. If such persons should be rejected by a Branch on their application to be admitted to its membership, and should then apply for admission to the Society as unattached members?

3. If such persons should apply for admission as unattached members without having first applied for admission to any Branch.

I am yours Fraternally,
(Sd.) LILIAN EDGER,
Honorary Secretary.

My decision is that the policy outlined in a Presidential letter of 1896 to the General Secretary of the American Section T. S. about the same subject still commends itself to my best judgment. I repeat what I then said, that "My policy is to make it as easy for them to come back as I did to let them go out. I want no tyranny, no compulsion, no red tape,—I want to abstain from any thing like censoriousness or abuse, to keep always the even mind of the believer in Karma, thus abstaining from widening the breach and making it hard for people to resume their places in our ranks."

In saying this I had no idea of making it appear that in deciding as to the re-admissions to membership the question of personal character need not be considered. On the contrary, I think it is a matter of vital importance, and Sections should not revive diplomas or charters nor Branches re-admit to their membership any ex-member who since his secession has shown such a malevolent spirit, disregard of truth, or other lack of moral principle as, if known of him or her originally, would have prevented his or her admission to membership on first applying. The same test is needed as to fresh applicants. Only thus can the harmony of the Society be sustained and its prosperity be made sure.

H. S. OLCOTT,
President, Theosophical Society.

To General Secretaries of Sections.

T. S. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

I hereby beg leave to acknowledge with thanks the following donations and subscriptions to the various Funds of the T. S., from 27th October to 26th December 1897.

HEAD-QUARTERS FUND.	Rs.	A.	P.
Mr. A. Schwarz, Colombo, Donation	25	0	0
Jubbulpore Theosophical Society do	5	0	0
Mr. C. Sambiah, Mylapore, Subscription	1	8	0
An F. T. S. of Burma, Donation	400	0	0
LIBRARY FUND.			
Mr. R. Sooria Row Naidu, Vizag., Donation	20	0	0
Do C. Sambiah, Mylapore, Subscription...	1	8	0

ADYAR, 26-11, 1897.

T. VIJIA RAGHAVA CHARLU,
Treasurer, T. S.

NEW BRANCH IN AUSTRALIA.

DEAR SIR :—

I have the honour to report the formation of a new Branch of this Section of the T.S. at Mt. David Rockley, N. S. W., on October 23rd, 1897. On the application of Henry Wiedersehn, Edward Blackett, Max Friedrich, John Perkins, Gottfried Löhrli, Thos. Richardson, and H. E. Chandler, approved by Colonel Olcott, our President-Founder, a Charter was issued to them to form a Branch to be called the "Mount David T. S."

Yours sincerely,
JAMES SCOTT,
Honorary General Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND SECTION.

The President-Founder has addressed the following circulsr letter to each member of the Executive Committee :—

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND, OCTOBER 9TH, 1897.

DEAR COLLEAGUE,

I have to-day been informed by the members of the Executive Committee in Auckland that Miss Edger has tendered her resignation of her office as General Secretary of the Section, for the purpose of taking up the larger field of work that opens before her. As a member of the Executive Committee you will be officially notified and requested to agree upon her successor for the interval between her departure from the Colony and the next meeting of Convention.

Having now travelled through the whole of the Section and made the acquaintance of all the workers, I would strongly recommend to you that you should appoint Mr. C. W Sanders as General Secretary. As you already know Mr. Davidson has discharged the duties of Assistant General Secretary to the full satisfaction of the Section, and it might be felt that he would be the most fitting person to succeed Miss Edger. But though he is excellently adapted to the office he now holds, I find on making his acquaintance that he is not yet sufficiently experienced to make it judicious to give him the enlarged responsibility of General Secretary. I think that the best interest of the Section would be better promoted if an older man and more tested member should be appointed. These requirements are met in the person of Mr. Sanders, who has been absolutely devoted to the work of the Society since the formation of the Branch here in 1897, and who has earned the love and respect of all who know him. For these reasons I make the above recommendations to you.

In parting from the Section I wish all the members to realize how grateful I am for their kindness, and how hopeful for the future of the Section if the many choice spirits in it will but pursue the work with the devotion and self-sacrificing zeal which its noble character so thoroughly deserves.

Fraternally yours,
H. S. OLCOTT,
President, Theosophical Society.

FAREWELL MEETING.

Colonel Olcott and Miss Lilian Edger, M.A., held their farewell meeting on Wednesday at the Protestant Hall. Miss Edger gave an address on the "Building of a World," in the course of which she repudiated the idea of an anthropomorphic God, and the belief in a creation once for ever, and drew conclusions from conscience, philosophy, and religion, showing the reasonableness of thinking of the Deity as permeating the whole universe, and instead of a personal creation out of nothing, a coming into manifestation and passing out again into latency in regular great periods. Colonel Olcott presided, and made a few farewell remarks, in which he spoke of the work of the Theosophical Society being to disseminate some of the wisdom of the ancients for the helping of the world, and the appealing to Eastern philosophy by Theosophists was because from that source they gained most of their conceptions of things. He had received nothing but kindness throughout his whole tour, and was leaving the colonies with very gratified and friendly feelings. There was a large and appreciative audience.

—*Evening News*, Sydney, *October 29th.*

A LENDING LIBRARY.

Mr. Stead gives, in *Borderland* an interesting account of his recent interview with Mrs. Besant, since her return from America. She thus describes the "method of propaganda which has been adopted by the American Section." It is a novel kind of Circulating Library.

A selection of elementary books is made and a strong wooden box, with lock and key, is constructed to exactly fit them. This box is lent to a new lodge for two months and is then passed on to another. A similar selection of more advanced books follows, to be retained for three months and then passed on. A third might follow, to be retained for seven months, and thus a year's study would be provided. The boxes already provided in the American Section contain the following selection of books :—

Lending Library, Box 1.—Manuals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7—The Ancient Wisdom—Esoteric Buddhism—Birth and Evolution of the Soul—In the Outer Court—Voice of the Silence—Bhagavad Gitâ— Light on the Path.

Lending Library, Box 2.—Key to Theosophy—Growth of the Soul—Building of the Kosmos—Self and its Sheaths—Plotinus—Orpheus—Four Great Religions—Upanishads, 2 Vols.—Path of Discipleship—First Steps in Occultism—Three Paths to Union.

Lending Library, Box 3.—The Secret Doctrine, 3 Vols, and Index—Isis Unveiled, 2 Vols.—Pistis Sophia—The Esoteric Writings of T. Subba Rao.

The above would be an excellent plan to adopt in all the T. S. Sections among the Branches which do not have their own libraries, and even in such cases, a larger number of books of the same kind could then be circulated which would be a great convenience.

THE ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION.

Those who wish cadjan huts erected for their use during the December Convention, will please notify the Manager of the *Theosophist* Office, *Adyar*, as soon as convenient.

Col. Olcott and Miss. Edger are expected in Adyar as we go to press.

A SWINDLER.

We are informed that a Hindu is seeking to collect money on the representation that he "is erecting a matam on the Godavery...for Sadhus and making arrangements to feed them." He says he has done work to the value of Rs. 7,000 and is anxious to raise 3,000 more. Parties who have investigated the matter find that the representations of this pseudo-philanthropist are baseless.

A THEOSOPHIC WORKER.

A very interesting account of the "Krishna Pushkaramas and Missionaries," and of the useful work done by our brother R. Jagannathiah, in connection therewith. at Camp Masulipatam, was published in *The Hindu* of October 8th, and it was our intention to reproduce it here, had space permitted. We hope measures will be taken by the Indian Section, at the coming Convention at Adyar, to utilize the services of this active brother for the coming year, and allow him suitable remuneration therefor.

CYCLIC DISTURBANCES.

In the September number of the *Theosophical Review*, Mrs. Annie Besant writes as follows :—

Every occultist recognises the importance of cycles, the existence of certain definite periods of time, which announce themselves in the lower worlds by troubles or by favorable conditions, as the case may be. These cycles are further marked by planetary combinations, which, seen occultly, are the forces of great spiritual Beings, working in relation to each other, the planets of the physical plane being the lowest manifestations of these Beings, the magnetic and other forces, that radiate from them being as definite as those that radiate from the physical body of a man. The "magnetic field" of such an entity is naturally immensely greater in area and in the energies playing over that area, than the corresponding magnetic field of so minute and feeble an organism as man, and the effects produced are proportionately great. H. P. Blavatsky often spoke of "the end of the present cycle," and put it somewhat vaguely at different times as 1897, 1897-98 and "the end of the century." She would often speak of the importance of carrying the Theosophical Society through this period, of holding it together as an organic body through this critical time, "of keeping the link unbroken." So far this has been successfully done, despite the most desperate attempts to wreck it, and there are enough faithful and true hearts to hold together through the time that yet confronts us, and to land the Theosophical Society safely beyond the "end of the cycle," to carry on its beneficent work into the new period of time.

A study of the planetary conditions that prevail in 1897, 1898 and 1899, shows us, why our honored teacher spoke of these dates as she did, and we may as well look at the exact facts. On Nov. 24th, 1897, five "planets"—Saturn, Mars, Mercury, Sun and Moon—are grouped together in one sign of the Zodiac, Sagittarius. On November 30th, 1898, the Sun, Mercury, Venus, Saturn and Herschel are grouped in Sagittarius. On December 3rd, 1899, no less than seven are thus grouped in Sagittarius—the Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Saturn, Herschel, and as an eighth, the Moon's node. These extraordinary conjunctions of the heavenly bodies such as have not occurred, it is said, for five thousand years, completely justify H. P. B.'s warnings of troubles and the dates she gave. Mr. Geo. Wright, President of the Chicago Theosophical Society, who gave me at my request the above exact details, writes: "The remarkable feature is that from November 1897 to December 1899, the planets seem to group themselves together, culminating in the grand conjunction on December 3rd, 1899. Hence the effects of the cyclic close must be long drawn out." The world has already been showing the preliminary symptoms of disturbance, and India— the "sacred land" of the fifth race—reeling under plague, famine and earthquake is receiving the full brunt of the torrent. Darker yet looms the future, and cyclonic storm-clouds lower on the horizon of the nations. Little wonder, in truth, that the conflict in higher regions should react down here, and that our loved Society should feel the tempests that are bursting forth on every side. Why should the fulfilment of predictions trouble us however, or "adverse omens" cause us any despondency? Calm, firm, and serene should be the hearts of all Theosophists, for the strong hands that guide the destinies of the world are not strangers to us. "Let not your hearts be troubled", for you can see the blue beyond the storm-clouds, the peace beyond the storms.

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EXECUTIVE NOTICES.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,
24th January 1898.

The wording of Section 5 of the Revised Rules of the Society, approved by the General Council, July 9, 1896, having given rise to misunderstanding as to the authority of a Branch President in the matter of the issue of Diplomas of Membership, the undersigned, by virtue of the general authority given him in Section 12, hereby declares the Constitutional meaning of the Rule to be as follows: after the word 'membership,' in line 3, read "bearing the signature of the President-Founder and the seal of the Society, and countersigned by either the General Secretary of the Section or the Recording Secretary T.S., according as the applicant resides within a sectionalised or non-sectionalised territory, shall be issued to the member."

The Council had no intention to signify that a Diploma could be issued by a Branch President independently of the constitutionally prescribed officers of the Head-quarters or Section, nor that his signature should be appended to it at all.

General Secretaries of Sections will please cause this Notice to be communicated to their Branch Officers.

H. S. OLCOTT, P. T. S.

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,
January 24th, 1898.

To facilitate the working of the Theosophical movement in Dutch speaking countries, the jurisdiction of the Netherlands Section of the T. S. is hereby extended over the Dutch East Indies and all other Dutch possessions throughout the world. Permission is given to the Sectional officers to issue on my behalf, and agreeably to the Bye-Laws and Constitution, Charters for Branches and Diplomas of Membership, to receive reports and include the facts in the Annual Report of the General Secretary to these Head-quarters.

H. S. OLCOTT, P. T. S.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE.

A question has been raised concerning the official language of the Theosophical Society.

The general rule among all nations is, that when one joins a Society whose headquarters are in a foreign country, the language most used in that country is the official language of the Society. The Theosophical Society is not an exception to this general rule.

In regard to diplomas of membership in the Theosophical Society, the President-Founder has no objection to their being translated, but thinks it preferable to have such translation accompany the original diploma in English, in each case, and merely as a translation of it.

T. S. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

I hereby beg leave to acknowledge with thanks the following donations and subscriptions to the various Funds of the T. S. from 27th November to 25th January 1898.

	£	s.	d.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
HEAD-QUARTERS FUND.									
Mr. Alexander Fullerton, New York, Donation							19	3	6
" C. Sambiah, Mylapore Subscription, ...							3	0	0
" Anantarai Nathji Mehta, Donation							84	0	0
" G. R. S. Mead, General Secretary, European Section T. S., 25 p. c. Dues for ½ year 1897							750	7	0
" T. Sinclair, Colombo, En. Fee.							10	0	0
" Peter de Abrew, Colombo, Donation							5	0	0
Babu Upendra Nath Basu, General Secretary, Indian Section T. S., 25 p. c. Dues for 1897							1,286	0	0
Mr. Norman S. Clark, San Francisco, Donation							15	8	0
Dr. W. A. E., Donation							20	0	0
Mr. Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, Am. Section T. S. 25 p. c. Dues 1st instalment for 1898							63	2	0
" P. D. Khan, Bombay, Donation...							15	0	0
" Alexander Fullerton, 25 p. c. Dues							61	3	0
Subcriptions of Australian Section T. S. for President's Tour, account of 1897.									
Maryborough T. S.	£ 4	6	6	=69	3	0 ...			
Mr. Charlton	£ 5	0	0	=80	0	0 ...			
Mrs. Nicoll	£ 1	0	0	=16	0	0 ...			
Brisbane T. S.,	£ 3	12	7	=58	1	0 ...			
Sydney T. S.	£19	10	11	=312	12	0 ...			
Mr. Weidersehn	£ 1	0	0	= 16	0	0 ...			
Mr. Chandler and Mr. Lohrli	£ 0	10	0	= 8	0	0 ...			
Melbourne T. S.	£ 2	8	8	= 38	15	0 ...			
Collection at Bathurst	£ 0	8	0	= 6	6	0 ...			
Mr. Weidersehn for Bathurst Trip.	£10	0	0	=160	0	0 ...			
Adelaide T. S.	£ 3	15	6	= 60	6	0 ...			
Mr. Knox	£ 5	0	0	= 80	0	0 ...			
Arthur Marshin	£ 0	3	0	= 0	3	0 ...	905	14	0
Subscriptions of the New Zealand Section T. S. for President's Tour, a/c. of 1897									
Dunedin T. S.	£ 2	6	3	= 37	0	0 ...			
Christchurch T. S.	£10	0	0	=160	0	0 ...			
Pahiatua T. S.	£ 1	9	0	= 23	3	0 ...			
Auckland T. S.	£15	0	0	=240	0	0 ...			
Mr. C. W. Sanders	£ 1	0	0	= 16	0	0 ...	476	3	0
Countess Wachtmeister for the above Tour	£ 20	0	3	...			320	0	0
Subscriptions raised during the convention for Miss Lilian Edger's steamer ticket from New Zealand to India and back.									
Col. H. S. Olcott				50	0	0 ...			
Mr. A. G. Watson, Atra				50	0	0 ...			
" V. Cooppooswami Iyer				10	0	0 ...			
" N. M. Desai, Amroati				3	0	0 ...			
" T. A Ramachendra Iyer, Salem... ...				10	0	0 ...			
" S. V. Rangaswami Iyengar				5	0	0 ...			
" S. Krishnasami Iyer, Saidapet				1	0	0 ...			
" Lakshmi Narain Dubé				10	0	0 ...			
" V. Vedachela Moodeliar, Chinglepat ...				2	0	0 ...			
Dr. W. A. English				10	0	0 ...			
Mr. N. Venkata Raghava Iyer, Conjiveram ...				2	0	0 ...			
" P. S. Ramaswami Iyer				1	0	0 ...			
Adyar Lodge Theosophical Society				10	0	0 ...			
Mr. A. K. Sitarama Sastri, Cuddapah... ...				1	0	0 ...			
" T. V. Gopalaswami Iyer, Tirupatur ...				5	0	0 ...			
" C. R. Pattabhiramier, Mylapore				25	0	0 ...			
" V. C. Sesha Chariar, Mylapore				65	0	0 ...	270	0	0
SUBBA ROW MEDAL FUND									
Subscriptions raised to Subba Row Medal Fund during the Convention.									
Rao Sahib Ishwari Prasad, Mandla							500	0	0
Mr. V. C. Sesha Chariar, Mylapore							50	0	0

Mr. T. V. Gopalaswami Iyer, Tirupatur	2	0	0
„ T. N. Ramachandra Iyer, Salem	5	0	0
„ D. Raghuram Row, Chingleput	3	0	0
„ N. Venkataraghava Iyer, Conjiveram	2	0	0
„ O. Sundara Row	1	0	0
„ M. N. Vasudeva Iyer, Cuddapah	1	0	0
„ V. Cuppuswami Iyer, Tirutarapundi	15	0	0
„ T. N. Subbier	2	0	0
Mrs. Roshanlal, Allahabad	10	0	0
Mr. M. Rangasawmy Iyengar	1	0	0
„ A. G. Watson, Atra	20	0	0
„ A. F. Knudsen, Adyar	10	0	0
„ N. M. Desai, Amroati	3	0	0
„ N. Venkatakanniah, Arcot	1	0	0
Adyar Lodge T. S	5	0	0
Mr. J. Srinivasa Row, Gooty	2	0	0
„ P. S. Ramaswami Iyer	1	0	0
„ Padmanabha Iyer	1	0	0
A Brother	1	0	0
Col. H. S. Olcott	50	0	0

ANNIVERSARY FUND.

Countess Wachtmeister	100	0	0
Mr. T. Sinclair	2	0	0
Mrs. Higgins	2	0	0
Miss L. Gmeiner	2	0	0
Mr. R. Faber	2	0	0
„ Peter de Abrew	2	0	0
Indian Section T. S., for Convention Expenses	250	0	0
Mr. A. G. Watson, Atra	50	0	0
„ R. Casava Row, Dharapuram	1	0	0
„ Palnimalai Pillai do	1	0	0
„ Thamba Kounder do	1	0	0
„ T. S. Ramasami Iyer do	1	0	0
„ Ramasami Pillai do	0	8	0
„ Karnasami Pillai do	0	8	0
„ Kaliappa Kounder do	0	8	0
Dr. D. J. Edal Behram, Surat	65	0	0

LIBRARY FUND.

Mr. C. Sambiah, Mylapore, Subscription	3	0	0
„ R. Sooria Row, Vizag.	10	0	0
Babu Narendra Nath Mitter, Annual Donation per Babu Upendra Nath Basu	200	0	0
Mr. A. K. Sitarama Sastri, Cuddapah	1	0	0
Miss S. A. Rodda, Adyar	10	0	0

PERMANENT FUND.

Mr. S. Rangayya Naidu, Nagpur. Special Donation at Sun's eclipse., 10 0 0

☞ Subscribers to different funds are earnestly requested to send in their subscriptions at an early date.

T. VIJIARAGHAVA CHARLU,
Treasurer, T. S.

ADYAR, 25*th January* 1898.

TOUR OF MISS EDGER AND COL. OLCOTT.

Miss Edger is accompanied by Col. Olcott in her Indian tour and has visited Calcutta, Midnapur, Bankipur, Mozafferpur and Benares, from which places flattering reports of her work are reaching us. We append a table of future movements, as far as at present known.

Leave Allahabad, 5th Feb.	Arrive at Cawnpur, same day.
„ Cawnpur, 8th „	„ „ Lucknow, „ „
„ Lucknow, 9th „	„ „ Bareilly, 10th Feb.
„ Bareilly, 12th „	„ „ Umballa, 13th „
„ Umballa, 15th „	„ „ Kapurthala, same day,
„ Kapurthala, 16th „	„ „ Lahore, „ „
„ Lahore, 21st „	„ „ Rawalpindi „ night.
„ Rawalpindi 23rd „ for next place, to be arranged for.	

MORE LONDON BRANCHES.

The President-Founder.

DEAR SIR,—A charter was granted, on Nov. 22nd, 1897 to Edith Ward, Mary Pope, George Herbert Whyte, Kate E. Whyte, Annie S. Tweedie, Eleanor Tisdale, Harriot M. K. Luht, Louise Jarvis, Kate Behnke and Louie Walker. The Branch is to be known as the West London Branch of the Theosophical Society: also on Dec. 9th, 1897 to the following members: Mrs. Alan Leo, Alan Leo, J. W. Sidley, Mrs. L. Sidely, G. B. Coleman, Miss. S. Dexter, W. Pinchin, Mrs. Pinchin, and Miss E. Windsor. This Branch is to be known as the Hampstead Branch of the Theosophical Society.

Sincerely yours,
G. R. S. MEAD.
General Secretary.

AMERICAN BRANCHES.

On Nov. 29th a charter was issued to St. Joseph T. S., St. Joseph, Mo. with 11 members. The President is Mrs. Anna S. Forgrave, the Secretary Mrs. Annie M. Goodale, 1404 Sylvanie St. The Branch was formed by Dr. Mary W. Burnett of Chicago. On Dec. 8th a charter was issued to the Dharma T. S., Newton Highlands, Mass., with 8 charter-members. This Branch, like so many others, is due to the work of the Countess Wachtmeister. The number of Branches, on the American roll is now 55, but one, possibly two, will soon dissolve. ...

... ALEXANDER FULLERTON,
General Secretary.

We failed to mention in our last issue, that the formation of the Dhyana T. S., Indianapolis, was due to "one of the active Chicago workers, Mr. Daniet W. Baldwin, and is especially pleasing because of the restoration to the T. S. of three of its most earnest and highly valued members, long of particular use as translators into Spanish and circulators of Theosophical literature."

The Kansas City Branch—Missouri—was formed by Dr. Mary W. Burnett of Chicago.

ASTROLOGICAL FORECAST OF 1898.

[The following somewhat remarkable forecast of the present year was written by one of the most eminent astrologers of London, and appeared in the *Evening News*, of December 31st, from which we copy. It will be of interest to have the article preserved for future reference. *Ed.*]

On the stroke of the midnight hour to-night, when, as Carcano says, "the past and future stand before us like two moments in eternity," at that thrilling hour when the bells burst forth in joyful carillon and "soul to soul strikes through a finer element of its own," while thoughts of those we love are flashing, meteor-like, through space, charged with their burden of good will—any one standing in the shadows of the Great City and looking heavenward, would see only the tranquil, pitiless stars blinking unconcernedly upon that surge of human thought and feeling.

Few of those whose eyes fall upon the setting moon, as shown in my horoscopical diagram, or even of those more skilled observers who, by the aid of the telescope, may be tracking the path of that distant planet, Neptune—few, indeed, will pretend to the least knowledge of what the New Year, on whose threshold we now stand, may bring forth.

Following up a most successful record of fulfilled predictions in 1897, given month by month in *Coming Events*, I have prepared a forecast of the chief features of the New Year, keeping in abeyance the technicalities of my art, so that he who runs may read!

WHAT THE STARS DECLARE.

The stars foretell that the year 1898 will be of unusual importance, and also of exceptional danger to the Great Powers of Europe. The supreme authority of England will be threatened by a powerful combination, and before the year is out we shall have entered upon a campaign which will employ the arms of England more or less for seven years!

At the outset of the New Year the eyes of the world are directed to the

far East, where a double blockade will be forced simultaneously by a clever coup.

An agitation will begin in India, designed to draw the red herring across the Chinese trail. Troops will be drafted from India to China, and from England to India. The partition of China is inevitable. English and Japanese will agree for a common cause.

In India, meanwhile, especially in the North-west Province, Punjab, and Bombay, a fanatical rising will make headway; murder, violence, pestilence and earthquakes following closely on the solar eclipse of January 22.

Early in the year there will be a change in the Cabinet. The Court will have fresh mourning. An aged person in the highest sphere of life will die in the first quarter of the year.

In Spain a death favours the Carlist Party, who will now push their way to supreme power. King Oscar of Sweden is in danger after January 22. A certain Royal Duke will also show signs of collapse.

February 8 and 26 will be very critical days for the Government. Political changes result.

On February 12 or soon after, a further rising is apprehended in India. In the N. W. and W. of the peninsula, earthquake shocks will be felt. An epidemic appears in England on March 7.

In London, fires and accidents will be succeeded by deeds of violence. A notable death in the dramatic world is followed by one in the army.

Spain and Hungary will now be the scene of internal feuds and party strife, leading on to tragic results.

Russian forces are on the move. The Czar is disposed to active measures in the East. In Australia a panic occurs; labour strikes are frequent; the country suffers physical disasters. England is victorious in the Far East.

This is the end of the first quarter.

THE SECOND QUARTER.

In the second quarter England's fortunes are very bright, and her standard waves high over her enemies. Russia and Prussia are aflame with martial fever and torn by internal strife. At the end of April the Government will have to face a political *impasse*. Parliament will probably be dissolved. There will be fighting in Austria, Japan and India.

In May a General Election may take place. Fighting begins on the Thessalian border.

England gains victories in the field, but is disturbed by Governmental changes. France stands ready on the German frontier. Some terrific storms will be experienced in the early part of the month, while towards its close, railway accidents and cases of violence excite much comment.

On the 28th a strange case of a woman found dead will swell the list of unrequited horrors.

Improvements in the Postal Service and Foreign Telegraph system will reflect credit on the G. P. O., while cases of fraud occurring at the end of March will receive retribution. Railways prosper despite past disasters.

On May 20 the War Office will be called upon to exercise great activity. In Abyssinia and East Africa the ferment will grow dangerous. On the 3rd or 4th of June there will occur a sad fatality at a theatre or circus in which loss of life will occur.

Horse accidents will be very numerous during the first week of the month. Racing fixed for that date will be attended by a fatality.

The Kaiser now meets with a reversal, and must beware of accidents to his person. The fortunes of Germany decline. Mr. Cecil Rhodes's sensitive point, his health, will really need some medical care!

The quarter ends with a record of good work done by the British Navy and our troops in the East

THE THIRD QUARTER.

The third quarter, commencing June 21, will be a remarkably good one for trade. Our exports will increase.

Anarchist movements will cause alarm in Hungary, Germany, and London. Mining disasters and earthquake shocks will occur in England and France. At or near Sunderland a sad fatality occurs by such means.

The Government will be in sore straits. Fatalities at sea make a long

and melancholy array. The weather will be very unseasonable, and extensive damage will occur to crops. Railway fatalities will be all too frequent.

In London, an extensive fraud attracts public attention.

Two eclipses take place in July. "Twenty and Twelve" will feel the effect, and Death will wait at his door. Soon after the 18th a lady in the highest position will pay the debt to nature. The Royal House of Denmark will soon stand beneath the cypress.

An earthquake will occur at Bokhara. Spain is assailed by the assassin. Physical and political troubles press heavily on its decrepitude.

In India, rioting and murder is to be supplemented by a famine in the north and west. Terrible scenes will result.

July 20 is dangerous to the Czar. The 25th to 28th will witness fires and accidents in London, United States, and Australia.

The Arabs are now moved to fanatical warfare.

Royal festivities occur about the 25th of the month; a royal marriage is most probable. The Kaiser suffers reversals and family affliction.

August favours Japan and Austria, and plays havoc in Spain.

A terrible tragedy will shock London on the 24th or 26th. Deeds of violence are in the air. Another railway tragedy occurs. The last week bristles with casualties, deeds of violence, and fearful storms. The harvest will be much injured.

September brings fine, warm weather, and generally the weather for the quarter will be mild and productive. Eruptive fevers and ophthalmia will be on the increase, and cholera claims many victims. On September 16 the Government is severely criticised. Incendiary actions in the City excite alarm.

The Last Quarter.

October brings trouble to the Viceroy through military insurrection and fanatical movements, but the quarter is generally better for the people of India. There will be fighting at the Cape.

October 9 is an evil day for the Czar. About the 10th the Opposition scores a victory.

From the 9th to the 16th the corn market does big business, cereals going at high figures. November shows small-pox and measles prevalent among children. A poisoning case attracts attention on the 9th.

Military spirit shows itself in France and Italy. From the 18th, Spain is in the throes of a political and physical upheaval, ominous to life and property.

The fearful storms of November last are likely to be repeated about the same date, 26th to 29th, and shipwrecks will be terribly numerous.

December brings military excitement in France and Italy, while death waits suddenly on one at Rome.

The 10th is a day of tragedies in Spain.

The quarter closes with a menace to the Kaiser who is warned to keep out of danger in the first week and the third. India is disturbed by seditious movements among the natives.

The year leaves Germany still suffering under its too ambitious ruler; Turkey quoting the Treaty of Peace to the Greeks; the Cape Colonists in arms; France pushing forward across the frontier; India dashing itself against the rock of its own incompetence; China depleted, the Yellow Robe gone; Denmark bereaved; Canada troubled by the States; Australia on strike; And England—Heaven guard her!—a good deal better off than now.

My dark prophecies close.

In this forecast of dread things I have been mindful that those things are best remembered that leave their scars behind, while the good things, and the prophet who foretold them, are too soon forgotten.

Sepharial.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

I hereby beg leave to acknowledge with thanks the following donations and subscriptions to the various Funds of the T. S. from 26th January to 26th February 1898.

HEAD-QUARTERS FUND.	Rs.	A.	P.
Mr. A. F. Knudsen, Donation, ...	50	0	0
Babu Upendra Nath Basu, Benares, for Miss L. Edger's Steamer ticket...	50	0	0
„ from his friends do do	40	0	0
Mr. Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, Am. Sec., 25°/o Dues £5-2-2 by Postal M. O....	76	10	0
„ A. P. Sinnett, Prest. London Lodge, Subn. for 1897, cheque £5, nominal value @ Rs. 16 per £.	80	0	0
Mr. C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Subscription for the President's Tour of 1897, £1-4-0, nominal value at Rs. 16 per £. cheque	19	3	0
Do. for 25 p. c. Dues for 1897, £5-0-8 per £. cheque ...	80	9	0
„ Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, Am. Section, 25°/o Dues £20 by Postal Money Order	61	4	7
„ D. D. Chidester for Mr. A. Fullerton $15...	45	15	5
„ A. Singaravelu Mudaliar, Secretary, Bangalore Cant., T. S., for Miss L. Edger's Steamer, Ticket	20	0	0

SUBBA ROW MEDAL FUND.

Babu Upendranath Basu, Banares, Subscription	10	0	0
Mr. A. Singaravelu Mudaliar, Secretary, Bangalore Cant. T. S.	10	0	0

T. VIJIARAGAVA CHARLU,

ADYAR, 26*th February* 1898. *Treasurer, T. S.*

PANCHAMA FREE SCHOOL FUND.

Nearly 200 rupees have been raised by the Adyar Lodge for the new Free School Fund, and we hope to hear from outsiders. The cause is a worthy one.

MISS EDGER'S FIRST INDIAN TOUR.

Success attends Miss Edger throughout her whole Indian tour. At every station, coming as a stranger, she has caught the public interest by her luminous discourses and left behind her none but friends. Her happy talent for putting her thoughts in the simplest and clearest way makes her lectures, when not purely scientific, comprehensible by persons of even moderate education. They are of great value as means of theosphical propaganda. At Bankipur, Behar, she and the President-Founder received addresses of welcome, printed in gold ink on decorated paper, with gold lace borders, and enclosed in cases of blue velvet heavily embroidered in gold thread. Each was inscribed with the name of the recipient in raised letters finely worked in the same materials. Similarly ornate addresses were given them by the students of the Hindu Boys' Association, which was founded by Col. Olcott in 1894 and has been kept constantly active by our most respected and valued colleague, Purnendu Narayan Sinha. A volume might be filled with the addresses of welcome received. The following is here given, simply as

showing the general cordiality of feeling manifested,—not because of special superiority:

To Miss Lilian Edger, M. A., Presidential Delegate and Branch Inspector of the Theosophical Society.

DEAR SISTER:

We, the members of the Muzaffarpur Theosophical Society, hereby offer you and our President-Founder, Colonel H. S. Olcott, a most hearty welcome on the occasion of this your first visit to Muzaffarpur, which is situated in the centre of the sacred and ancient MITHILA—the land where in olden times, RAJARSHI Janaka used to initiate even the sons of Rishis into the mysteries of the BRAHMA-VIDYA. We cannot sufficiently express here how grateful and thankful we are to you for your coming to India from your far-off home simply for the sake of doing your DHARMA or duty. There is no DHARMA higher than true self-sacrifice practised for the moral and spiritual good of others, which is so nobly exemplified in your life. We are very proud to reckon you as one of our rank who by thorough devotion to the sacred cause of uplifting mankind, by wisdom, purity, and above all, utter selflessness, is showing what a true Theosophist ought really to be.

To the President-Founder we are greatly indebted for so long successfully conducting our beloved Society against both external and internal troubles which more than once threatened to destroy it.

May you and the President-Founder, by the blessing of the Great Ones, continue to carry on the supreme work of spreading Divine knowledge which alone can elevate man and bring him nearer to his Higher Self.

Miss Edger and Col. Olcott, in continuation of their tour, after visiting Amritsar, Lucknow, Allahabad and Jubbulpore, arrive at Poona March 5th; at Bellary March 8th; at Gooty March 10th; at Cuddapah March 12th; and at Madras March 14th—evening.

INDIAN WORKERS AND NEW BRANCHES.

Our brother, K. Narayanaswami Iyer, has lately formed two new Branches in Madras, the first being in the section called Purasawalkam, and the second in Triplicane. Besides speaking in these places he also lectured several times in Mylapore on subjects connected with Theosophy. He is now working in other parts of the Presidency with his usual energy and devotion. Brother Jagannathiah writes that he has lately been lecturing in Anantapur and has succeeded in reviving the dormant T. S. Branch there and has added nine new members thereto.

Dr. Richardson, with his usual generosity, has been rendering some assistance to the cause in Madras Presidency before returning to his chosen field of effort in Bombay. At Guntur he delivered four lectures and formed a Hindu Boys' Association. He also visited Narasowpet, Bezwada, Cocanada and Vizagapatam, working from two to five days in each place, and lecturing to appreciative audiences.

Vizianagrum was next visited and his lectures were well attended there. Lastly he spent five days at Hyderabad before returning to Bombay. Much good will doubtless result from the many lectures delivered by the Doctor during the trip. It is evident that more workers are needed in the field, and also a more thorough and systematic system of Branch work. Since writing the foregoing, news reaches us that brother K. Narayanaswami Iyer has just organised a Branch at Tiruvellur, Chingleput District, with thirteen new members on the roll. So the work goes on.

AMERICAN BRANCHES.

On December 15th, a charter was issued to the Wachusett T.S., Worcester, Massachusetts, with eleven charter members. The President is Mr. Charles R. B. Claflin, Jr., and the Secretary is Mr. Edwin E. Blake, 76, Woodland Street. This Branch, like so many others, is due to the labors of the Countess Wachtmeister. It would raise the number of Branches in the American Section to fifty-six, but the Ann Arbor T. S., Ann Arbor, Michigan, has dissolved and surrendered its charter, and the Narada T. S., Tacoma, Washington, is now extinct. The number of Branches is really, therefore, fifty-four.

AN URGENT APPEAL FROM CEYLON.

Dear Friends,

I have been in this island a little over six years, spending all my energy, time and means to do what little I can to raise the condition of Sinhalese women. My efforts I am thankful to say are now beginning to show successful results. The obstacles I have had to contend with and the troubles I have had to undergo while working in an Eastern clime with an Eastern nation are matters of the past and the way, now comparatively free from trials and troubles, lies open for further progress.

During this time, through the help of kind friends, I have founded a School and Orphanage and named it, by the earnest request of friends, The Musaeus School and Orphanage—after my family.

I have under my protection and care over 50 Sinhalese girls of ages varying from seven to nineteen years and they live with me under the same roof. I teach them with the help of a few assistants, such subjects as are best suited to make them useful women and helpful members of their society. I am thankful to say that those of our pupils who have left us to begin life in their new homes are grateful to us for what knowledge we have been able to give them and they perceive, themselves, the marked contrast that lies between them and their less favored sisters who have not had the advantages of a more progressive education. Dear friends, you who live in the West cannot conceive of the ignorance that prevails among Eastern women.

The girls who attend this Institution are Buddhists, and as the Christian missionaries work with one object alone in view, namely, to convert them to Christianity, they would, if not for the education given here, sink further into the depths of ignorance. Our aim is to educate them and brighten their lives without interfering with their faith, in fact teaching them according to their own Buddhist ethics.

This work is a most important one and it is by no means a light one, and requires much attention and help to ensure its continued success. Who of you, dear readers, will lend a helping hand to carry out this work? The services of some European or American ladies are imperatively needed. Are any of the readers of this appeal free to come out and help in this work? Such help is urgently required. Is there anyone who is willing to make some sacrifice to help on the work? Who will come?

The school has also grown so large that we shall be obliged to extend our premises, but at present funds are wanting, to build. Can any give us help here and make contributions, however small they may be, towards a building fund?

Trusting that all my readers will pardon this importunity and help me to the best of their ability,

I am yours, cordially and fraternally,

Colombo, 17*th Feb*, 1898. Marie Musaeus Higgins.

BOMBAY BRANCH.

We have received from the Hon. Secretary of the T. S. Branch at Bombay, a detailed report of its activities for the period of two years, ending November 30th, 1897. This is the most flourishing of all our Indian Branches. It has about 90 members on the roll, and maintains a library, a reading room and a free dispensary. It has also been publishing the *Gleaner*, but private parties have lately assumed the responsibility of its further issue. The liberal sums raised by this Branch for the Central Famine Relief Committee, at Benares, also in aid of Orphanages, Hospitals and other charities, have been previously noticed in the *Theosophist*. The Lodge rooms are open daily with evening discussions, classes or lectures, either in English or vernacular, and on each Sunday evening a lecture is delivered in English. The books and pamphlets issued by the committee of the Bombay Theosophical Publication Fund have been numerous, and much good has by this means been accomplished. The "Free Distribution Fund" has also been lately started, for the circulation of free T. S. literature. Smaller Branches may profitably try to imitate the activity of this larger one.

SANTHAL PROVIDENT FUND.

Santhal Parganahs is a big district, the inhabitants of which are, for the most part, Santhals. The Santhals are a wild race, uneducated and uncivilized, but simple, harmless and submissive. Most of the Santhals possess a certain quantity of land, yielding them sufficient or scanty means of subsistence. But in almost every Santhal hamlet there is a number of people who have nothing in this wide world to call their own. They are either old or weak, or little children, unable to earn their livelihood by hand labour, and having nobody to render them the least help in the way of getting them food or clothes. These houseless, ragged, hungry creatures are often found dragging themselves from door to door, begging a handful of corn or a little gruel. But even this most miserable meal they are not fortunate enough to obtain every day. Some days of the month they have no food at all, and many a day they are compelled to satisfy the cravings of hunger with leaves of trees. In almost every Santhal village there stands a number of trees stripped of their foliage, bearing witness to this most lamentable fact. Unspeakable is the misery of these people, and their sufferings from hunger, heat and cold can better be imagined than described.

Some two years back, for the relief of these wretched Santhals, a fund was established, under the auspices of Pandit Sailajananda Ojha, Chief Panda of Baidyanath, Raja Indra Narayan Sing of Moheshpur, Raja Dijendra Narayan Ray of Jamna and some other nobles of this part of the province, all of whom very generously sympathised with the project, and lent substantial aid to the fund.

The fund was named "Santhal Provident Fund" and it was advertised as such in many Bengali and English newspapers. But in a short time, I was laid up with serious illness, which kept me confined to bed for a long time, and, as a consequence, brought all my endeavours for keeping up the fund to a stand still. I am now well again and think of making most earnest and strenuous efforts to revive the fund. But with any thing that my humble self can do, I can never expect the project proving a success, without the generous assistance of the noble public. I therefore most earnestly entreat all these noble-hearted countrymen whom God has blessed with power to save, to extend their sympathy to a class of the most wretched people on the face of the earth, who themselves cannot speak nor have they any enlightened friends among them to speak on their behalf. Any contribution to the fund, however small, will be thankfully acknowledged.

The money collected for the fund as donation or subscription will be kept in the Post Office Savings Bank, and the management will rest with a committee formed of some Zemindars and other gentlemen of the place. From time to time an account of receipts and disbursements will be published in newspapers; and we give solemn assurance to the public that we shall be held responsible for the right use of every pice of the sacred fund.

All remittances will be made to the undersigned.

MALUTI RAJBATI, Muluti P. O. Santhal Parganahs. } INDRA NARAYAN CHATTERJEE, *Secretary, Santhal Provident Fund.*

A PRIZE AWARDED.

Rai Pyari Lal, Esq., P. W. Department, Nagpur, C. P., has fairly won the prize offered by the sub-editor of the Theosophist, as a reward for the largest number of subscribers, and the third volume of "The Secret Doctrine" has been duly sent to his address according to promise. We hope our brother will still be on the alert to increase our subscription list and spread the teachings of Theosophy.

The "ANNIE BESANT ANGLO SANSKRIT LIBRARY," at Rawal Pindi, and the AMRITSA T. S. BRANCH LIBRARY have just been opened and will be noticed further, next month.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

I hereby beg leave to acknowledge with thanks the following donations and subscriptions to the various Funds of the T. S. from 27th February to 25th March, 1898.

Head-Quarter's Fund.	Rs.	A.	P.
Hon. Justice S. Subramanier, C. I. E. } Towards Miss Edger's { ...	100	0	0
Babu Upendranath Basu ... ... } return ticket. { ...	150	0	0
Mr. Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, New York 25 % Dues $70=£14-5-11 amount received by Money Order...	214	7	0
Miss Brodie $3; Mrs. A. L. Wadham $2, donation. M. O. for £0-19-9—equal to $5	14	13	0
H. H. the Maha Rajah of Kapurthala, Donation	150	0	0
Mr. K. Venkata Row, Bellary, do	100	0	0
Dr. Balkissen Kaul, do	10	0	0
Library Fund.			
Rai Bahadur R. Suria Row, Vizag	20	0	0

Adyar, }
Madras, 25*th March*, 1898. }

T. Vijiaraghava Charlu,
Treasurer, T. S.

NEW BRANCHES.

On January 15th, a charter was issued to the Silent Workers Lodge T.S., Davenport, Iowa, with nine charter members. The President is Mrs. Carrie M. Banks; the Secretary Mrs. Ellen H. Cook, 128, West 6th Street. On February 2nd, a charter was issued to the Creston T. S., Creston, Iowa with seven charter members. The President is Mr. Jonathan M. Joseph; the Secretary Mr. Daniel W. Higbee, 105. East Montgomery Street. These two Branches are due to the labors of Dr. Mary W. Burnett. On February 2nd, a charter was issued to the Jamestown Philosophical Club T. S., Jamestown, N. Y., with ten charter members, and on February 22nd, a charter was issued to the Findlay T. S., Findlay. Ohio, with eight charter members. These two Branches are due to the efforts of Mr. F. E. Titus. The Narada T. S., Tacoma, Wash., has dissolved, as has also the Dhyana T. S., Indianapolis, Indiana, and the Dunkirk T. S., Dunkirk, N. Y. There are now fifty-six Branches in the American Section.

Alexander Fullerton,
General Secretary, American Section T. S.

I have much pleasure in informing you that a charter has been granted, dated February 3rd, 1898, to Philip Tovey, Fred Horne, J. Sims-White, Miss Margaret Stowell, Miss Isabel P. Whitfield, Miss Mary Grover and William P. Swainson, to form a Branch at Thornton Heath, Croydon, to be known as the Thornton Heath Branch of the Theosophical Society. A charter was granted on March 7, 1898, to Dr. Hübbe Schleiden (Pres.), Herr Günther Wagner (Sec.), Frauline Gretchen Wagner (Treas.), Frau Anna Wagner,

Frauline Paula Stryczck, Herr Bruno Ottmer and Herr Clemens Driessen, to form the Hannover Branch of the Theosophical Society.

G. R. S. Mead,
General Secretary.

Our Indian Provincial Secretary, K. Narayansami Aiyer, writes: "After organizing a T. S. Branch at Poonamallee and reviving the Branch at Sholinghur, with seven new members, I went to Walajanagar, where I organized a Branch composed of twelve members. I am now working at Tirupati.

Branch Inspector Jagannathiah writes that he has formed, at Nandyal, a Branch composed of ten members.

MISS EDGER'S RECENT TOUR.

Miss Edger seems to have met with a sincere and hearty welcome at all the places visited by herself and Col. Olcott, during their late Indian tour; and their enthusiastic receptions and the numerous addresses which were presented in acknowledgment of the gratitude of the populace for service rendered them by these workers, testify to the success of the undertaking. On several occasions the audiences addressed by Miss Edger numbered over 2,000 persons. A Rawal Pindi paper says, "she exhorted the public to gird up their loins to revive the ancient spirituality of the Hindus. She asked the people to aid and co-operate with the movement which had been set on foot to collect information regarding rare manuscripts in Sanskrit; the person in charge of this affair in the Punjab being Rai B. K. Lahiri, Bahadur, Prime Minister, Faridkot State. Colonel Olcott also spoke and tried to impress on the minds of his audience the urgent necessity of forming classes for Hindu boys, to give them a sound moral teaching derived from the Hindu Shastras." A correspondent of the *Indian Mirror*, referring to Miss Edger's lectures at Midnapur said: "Her knowledge of every branch of modern science made her lectures so attractive and impressive that every one carried a lasting idea home"; and, "while expounding many "abstruse principles of religion she corroborated her every argument by scientific proof. She is a most valuable acquisition to the Theosophical Society...and, perhaps, the second speaker of her sex in the world." The plan of the tour was so admirably arranged, owing to the kindness and foresight of the Joint-General Secretary, Indian Section, Babu Upendranath Basu, that there was not the slightest failure to connect, from beginning to end. Miss Edger cherishes many kind memories of her Indian brothers and sisters. The cost of the tour was defrayed by Branch subscriptions.

A NEW COLLEGE.

Invitations are issued by Mr. H. Dharmapala, for the inaugural ceremony of the "Ethico-Psychological College", at Welikada, Colombo, on April 6th. The buildings are said to occupy a delightful locality and a large concourse of Buddhists is expected. May all the good which is anticipated of this institution be realised.

LIBRARIES FOUNDED.

The "Annie Besant Anglo-Sanskrit Library," founded at Rawal Pindi by the generosity of Lala Jiva Ram Thappur, to commemorate Mrs. Besant's visit to that place, was formally opened by Col. Olcott, March 22nd in presence of the local nobility and gentry. Miss Edger also addressed the meeting. This library is a highly serviceable and fitting memorial.

The Amritsar T. S. Branch opened its "Theosophical Library," March 23d. It is free to members, as a lending library, and to others who come there and read. May other Branches do likewise.

"ISIS UNVEILED", IN URDU.

Babu Parmeshri Sahai, Vakil, formerly of Lashkar, proposes to publish an Urdu translation of "Isis Unveiled." We hope he will meet with the success which an undertaking of such magnitude deserves. We may be able to give further particulars next month.

ANOTHER BEQUEST TO THE T. S.

It is reported from America that the late Charles A. White, F. T. S., of the Seattle Branch, T.S., has bequeathed his estate to our Society, for the translation and publication of Sanskrit literature. Further particulars had not arrived when this form went to press. If the bequest has been properly worded, the Adyar Library will be largely benefited; if not, we shall lose it, as we did the bequest of (as alleged) £8,000, by a late colleague in Europe, which was, unfortunately, left to the Society by name, and thus lost to us, as the Society, is not a legal entity, *per se*. C. H. Hartmann's will could not be broken and the estate stuck to me for six years despite my best attempts to give it back to the heirs, because he had the common sense to leave it to me as P.T.S.

THE THEOSOPHIST MEDALS.

It should be kept in mind by writers, that a gold and a silver medal will be awarded to the best and second best articles appearing in the *Theosophist* during the publication year, which ends with the September issue. A voting slip will be sent to each subscriber, with that number, and the medals will be given to the writers receiving the largest number of votes. In the previous case, the first prize fell to a Hindu who had never written for the press before, Pt. Rama Prasad.

THERAPEUTIC POSSIBILITIES OF THE WILL.

The *Harbinger of Light* contains the following important leader, on "Man's Spiritual Powers," which is worthy of careful thought:

"Every man has a latent power within himself capable not only of directing his own actions, but of influencing more or less effectively, the action of all he comes in contact with, up to the level of his own psychological plane. This is the spiritual principle of which *will* is the executive. The power is illustrated and made manifest in mesmeric and hypnotic experiments, but the effects produced are assumed to be exceptional and entirely due to the abnormal condition of the subject. This, however, is not the case: there is a perfect analogy between the psychological influence of one mind on another in the mesmeric and normal state, the only difference being that in the former, the subject having been rendered negative to the operator, is more susceptible and capable of being dominated by his mind. The most successful mesmerists or biologists are those who are conscious of their powers, their consciousness enabling them to focalise and direct the force with much greater effect, but every self-poised individual unconsciously exercises the same power, though with less effect, whilst with gentler natures it flows on in love-impregnated streams towards those whose distress attracts their sympathy. When once man realizes that he is a spirit and that his body is subordinate, the will, directed by the spirit, becomes a powerful factor in the elimination of diseased conditions and the maintenance of physical equilibrium. We are so accustomed to direct the energies of the body into the limbs, for the purposes of locomotion or mechanical action only, that we omit to realise the fact that the same force can be directed from the brain to any weak or diseased centre in the viscera, any part of the muscular system, or any nervous ganglion, and by exercise in this process, be made potent to restore healthy circulation and dispel congestion. This is what Andrew Jackson Davis calls the "pneumo-gastric remedy": having practised it ourselves we know its efficacy. The use of the power in this direction is of primary importance, for a healthy body is an essential to the harmonious action of

the spirit in the normal condition of their association. This equilibrium of the body and spirit being attained, the individual is equipped to transmit in a modified degree, similar conditions to others; more especially of course to those whom he comes into mutual relationship with for the purpose, but measurably to those whom he desires to help unconsciously to them, and yet again to many whose sphere he incidentally comes in contact with, without any thought or consciousness of helping them. In this latter way many whose physical or moral atmosphere is healthy are unconsciously helping their fellows; they carry with them a sanative aura which has some effect on all the needy who come within its range, but the influence for good of those who realise the possession of this power, is immensely increased, especially when benevolence prompts, and environment facilitates the liberal exercise of it, for one has not to search for opportunities; the poor in health, like the poor in purse, are 'always with us.' It is not, however, limited in its influence to the physical; the moral atmosphere or aura of a harmonious individual is as potent in its effect on the mind of the more discordant or less developed. Numerous well authenticated cases of the efficacy of a moral impulse by suggestion have been recorded, and Professor Elmer Gates has experimentally demonstrated the creation of moral cells in the brain by appropriate impulse.

The high cultivation of this power is inconsistent with the press and whirl of business life, but even in that sphere some progress may be made towards it, especially by those whose transactions are guided by rectitude and not by the selfishness and somewhat lax morality which unfortunately prevails in many avenues of trade and commerce. All who aspire to spiritual progress should endeavour to discover and make manifest this internal gem, the insignia of 'The Kingdom of Heaven' within them; it is there, and only needs effort to bring it to the surface."

THE ADYAR LIBRARY.

The following books have been added to the library during the last few months.—Donated :—

Annual Reports of the Bureau of Ethnology, three Vols. for 1893 and, 94. from the Smithsonian Institution, U. S. A; *Ethics of Buddha*, from H. Dharmapala; *Inspiration, Intuition and Ecstasy*, from A. Govindacharlu (part two); *Life and Teaching of Srî Krishna*; *Chromopathy*, in the Bengalee Language; *Antiquity and Symbolism of Aryan Religion*; *Theosophy in Brief*, from Dr. English; *Primitive Christianity* from the author; *Visishthâdvaita Catechism*, in Telugu; *Dharmanitidarpana*, composed by Jayadattasarma; *Gajendramoksha* and *Panchadasi* (tenth chapters) with commentaries; *Advance Thought*, from the author; *A case of Partial Dematerialization*, Banner of Light Publishing Co,; *Elements of Metaphysics*, from Dr. L. Salzer; *The Song of the Celestial Swan*, in Sanskrit, with English translation, from Prâmadadâsa Mittra; *Illuminated Buddhism, or the True Nirvana*, Spiritual Scientific Publishing Co., Kansas City. Mo.; *Satan's Invisible World Displayed*, from Capt. A.T. Banon; *The Man, the Seer, the Adept, the Avatar*, new, enlarged edition, from E. W. Allen, London. Also a collection of prayers or praises, compiled by Mr. Saha Jabhai (in Hindi).

The preparation of the new hall, on the ground floor of Head-quarters, for the Western Section of the Library, hitherto kept upstairs in H. P. B.'s old apartments, is well advanced. There is ample space for the books (the room is 44×19 ft.) and five large doors on the North, or Adyar River side give plenty of light and air. Mr. P. Keshava Pillay, F. T. S., Gooty, has generously promised Rs. 100 towards the cost of a basalt and marble pavement, and the black stones are to be given by our Cuddapah brothers. Further gifts in money will be gratefully accepted.

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	RS.	A.	P.
HEAD-QUARTER'S FUND.			
Mr. D. D. Jussawala, Bombay, Donation	25	0	0
„ A. Mahâdeva Sastri, Mysore, Subn. to Miss L. Edger's Return Steamer ticket...	10	0	0
„ Mysore Branch T. S. do do ...	5	0	0
„ Dr Bala Kishan Kaul, Lahore do do ...	63	0	0
„ Rajkumar Roy, Calcutta do do ...	25	0	0
„ C. Sambiah, Mylapore do do ...	10	0	0
Rai Sahib Ishwari Prasad, Mandla do do ...	100	0	0
Mr. C. Sambiah, Mylapore, Subn. to Hd. Qrs. Fd.	3	0	0
„ Alexander Fullerton, Genl. Secy. Am. Sec., 25 °/₀ Dues. $ 20=£4-1-7 F. O.	61	3	0
„ Do do $ 20=£4-1-7 F. O.	61	3	0
„ Do do $ 60=£12-4-4 F. Order	183	11	11
„ Alejandro Sorondo, Buenos Aires, S.A., For dues and fees of the Branch. Remitted by cheque for £7-10-0, nominal value to suit old rate	120	0	0
LIBRARY FUND.			
Mr. C. Sambiah, Mylapore, Subn. to Subba Row Medal Fund..	3	0	0
„ A. Mahâdeva Sastri, Mysore, Subn.	5	0	0

ADYAR,
MADRAS, *24th April* 1898.

T. VIJIARAGHAVA CHARLU,
Treasurer, T. S.

THE H. P. B. MEMORIAL FUND.

I am now taking the votes of the members of the General Council, on a suggestion of mine that we should apply the unexpended portion of the H. P. B. Memorial Fund as an invested capital the annual interest on which shall be used for the perpetual upkeep of an H. P. B. Pariah School, like the one which bears my name and which I have been supporting, with my private means, during the past three or four years. The Fund was raised at the European Section's First Convention, in 1891, on the motion of W. Q. Judge, seconded by Mrs. Besant, and supported by B. Keightley and others The larger part of the money was raised in India, H. H. the Maharajah of Kapurthala giving Rs. 2000 towards it. A portion was spent on the publication of a volume of H. P. B.'s fugitive articles, in the *Theosophist* mainly, the remainder Rs. 2,946-9-3 (say less than £ 200) is in my custody as Managing Trustee of the Society's funds and other property. The sum is too insignificant to go far towards realising the broad scheme of Oriental translations originally in view, and for several years has been lying idle in the P. O. Savings Bank. The success of my first Pariah school experiment having been so marked as to win the praise of two successive Governors of Madras and the Director of Public Instruction (the Hon. Dr. Duncan), it occurred to me that

if we started another school in her name for these poor outcasts, we should be raising to her memory a nobler "Memorial" than we were likely to do in any other way. We should teach hundreds of oppressed people to pronounce her name with grateful respect. A very strong additional reason was that by the reported bequest of his large property to the Society by the late Mr. White, of Seattle, for "translating and publishing Sanskrit literature", we have the handling of thousands of pounds for the noble object, and the trifling little sum of £200 in the H. P. B. Fund, could not go far towards adding to her renown. The General Council being the responsible governing power in our Society, I have sent my proposal around and am getting in the votes. Meanwhile, I have invested the money at 10 per cent. on real-estate first mortgage. I shall set aside as an endowment for my own Pariah School, the sum now available in the Olcott Pension Fund, *viz.*, Rs. 2,793-11-6, so that this charity may not be abandoned at my death.

H. S. Olcott.

NEW BRANCHES.

Europe:—A charter was granted, on March 18, 1898, to Willem H. M. Kohlen J. E. Bäumer, Jan. C. Louman, André Vanderstraeten, Ernest Nysseus, Octave Berger and M F. W. Walenkamp. The Branch is to be known as the Brussels Branch of the Theosophical Society; also a charter was granted, on March 30, 1898, to Bernhard Hubo, Adolph Kolbe, Friedrich Scharlau, Johanna Kolbe, Lilly Körner, Ida Wagner and Victoria Paulsen. The Branch is to be known as the Hamburg Branch of the Theosophical Society.

G. R. S. Mead,
General Secretary,
European Section T. S.

America:—On March 1st a charter was issued to the Lima T. S., Lima, Ohio, with 10 charter members. This Branch is due to the labors of Mr. F. E. Titus: its Secretary is Mr. William, W. Hawkins, 940 W. Waynest.

The Omaha T. S., having been notified that its charter would be suppressed, returned it and dissolved. This leaves the number of Branches as at last report.

On March 24th a charter was issued to the Louisiana, T. S., New Orleans, with 8 charter-members. This Branch is due to the labors of Mr. Alfred A. Ury. There are now 57 Branches in the American Section.

Alexander Fullerton,
General Secretary,
American Section T. S.

ALOHA BRANCH.

A correspondent from Honolulu writes: As a result of the resignation, through ill-health, of Mr. G. W. Smith, the officers of the Aloha Branch T. S. are now constituted as follows: President—Dr. A. Marques, Secretary—W. R. Simms, Treasurer—A. Sharpe, Librarian—Miss Oliver.

We have a large lending library, well patronized, and the present memebrship in good standing is 20, with 10 members at large and, further, a beginners' class of 20 not yet affiliated.

Miss Walsh, the lecturer from San Francisco, has just been spending a month here, working most devotedly and successfully for the cause, and we expect that in a very short while the results of her good work will manifest by a large accession to the membership of both the Branch and the Classes.

URDU TRANSLATION OF "ISIS UNVEILED."

Any friends who are disposed to aid in defraying the expense of publishing the Urdu translation of "Isis Unveiled,"* should send their donations

* See notice in last month's *Theosophist* supplement.

or subscriptions to Babu Purmeshri Sahai, Vakil, Theosophical Headquarters, Indian Section, Benares, N. W. P.

AN H. P. B. PARIAH SCHOOL.

An attempt was made in the February *Theosophist* (see its Cuttings and Comments) to call attention to the needs of a certain most unfortunate class of our common humanity. In a suburb of Madras, where hundreds of Pariah children are growing up in deplorable ignorance, a property can be purchased at a very low figure, on which are buildings suitable for school purposes, though some of the roofs and brick walls need a little repairing. There are also a good well and a grove of cocoanut and mango trees on the place. It is the wish of some—the President-Founder included—that the sum of Rs. 2,000 (say £140) shall be raised by private subscription to buy, repair and furnish this property as a memorial to H. P. B. and that it shall be called "The Blavatsky Pariah School." The sum of Rs. 250 is already subscribed, and the undersigned will be glad to receive and acknowledge further contributions. It is thought that there will be room for 150 pupils, and there is plenty of land available for extensions. There are several hundred Pariah families within the radius of ¼th of a mile of the premises. The estimated running expenses are about £2 per month. If the General Council should approve Col. Olcott's suggestion, that the interest of the "H. P. B. Memorial Fund" shall be used for this purpose, there will be enough to cover the cost of upkeep. I am quite sure that the mere mention of this laudable scheme to honor the memory of our beloved co-founder of the T. S., will be enough to secure the small sum needed, and I hope to be able to report in the next issue of the *Theosophist* that the subscription-list is closed.

W. A. English.

HINDU AND EUROPEAN.

The following passage in the Abbé Dubois' book, which contains such a fund of information concerning Hindu life and character, gives certain definite reasons for the prejudices entertained by Hindus—especially Brahmins—against Europeans in general:

"How could a Brahmin or any other Hindu have any real feelings of friendship or esteem for Europeans, so long as the latter continue to eat the flesh of the sacred cow, which a Hindu considers a much more heinous offence than eating human flesh; so long as he sees them with Pariahs as their domestic servants, and so long as he knows that they have immoral relations with women of that despised caste? He, it must be remembered, considers himself defiled and obliged to purify himself by bathing, if so much as the shadow of one of these Pariahs is thrown across him. How, indeed, could he feel well disposed towards Europeans, when he sees them give way, without shame or remorse, to drunkenness, which to him is the most disgusting of vices, and which, were he to be once publicly convicted of it, would bring upon him the most serious consequences? How can he respect Europeans when he sees their wives on terms of the most intimate familiarity with their husbands, being equally intemperate, and eating, drinking, laughing, and joking with other men, and above all, dancing with them; he, in whose presence a wife dare not even sit, and to whom it is inconceivable that any woman, unless she be a concubine or a prostitute, could even think of indulging in such pastimes? How, again, could he mix with Europeans when he sees their clothing, which in shape alone seems to savour of indecency by showing too much of the human form, and of which so many articles, such as shoes, boots, gloves, are made from the skins of animals; he, who cannot understand how any decent man could handle them, or even touch these remains of dead animals without shuddering with disgust?"

WHITE LOTUS DAY.

We hope all members of the T. S. will bear in mind that May 8th, 1896, will be White Lotus Day, the anniversary of H. P. B's death.

BUENOS AIRES.

In an official letter from the Luz Branch we have the following: "Those in Buenos Aires who work for the cause of love and progress, who united in forming a Branch of the T. S., at the termination of a Cycle of the Kaliyuga, send to the President-Founder of the Theosophical Society, and through him, to all Brothers, throughout the world, who are devoted to these beautiful ideals, their sentiments of fraternity; and sincerely trust that the dawn of the new Cycle may be a true light for the human mind, spreading over and quickening, by its rays, the generous seed thrown upon the Earth by the venerable Beings who inspired the formation and protect the existence of this worthy Society."

ADYAR LIBRARY.

The following books have been added since last month; DONATED:—

The 16th Annual Report of the Bureau of Ethnology, to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, U. S. A., from Major J. W. Powell, Director; *Three Journeys Around the World*, from the author, Dr. J.M. Peebles; *The Gift of the Spirit. A Handbook of Cartomancy, Fortune-Telling Cards and How to Use Them, Whence and Whither*, all from George Redway, publisher; *Indian Loyalty*, from Professor M. Rangacharyar; *Ishavasyopanishad*, from Mr. V. C. Seshacharyar; *Advaitasiddhantachandrika*; *Secret Doctrine*, Vol. III., from Mrs. Besant.

Purchased:—

International Scientific Series, 82 to 84; *Contemporary Series*, 32 to 35; *Anandasrama Series* No. 36, parts I and II; *Pali Text Society*, four Vols.: also 240 volumes of other new and valuable works, on various subjects.

R. ANANTHAKRISHNA SASTRI,
Librarian.

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HEAD-QUARTER'S FUND.			
Mr. C. Sambiah, Mylapore, subn.	3	0	0
" Alexander Fullerton, New York, towards 25°/₀ Dues ...	61	3	0
" A. Nilakanta Sastri, subn. for Miss Edger's steamer ticket...	25	0	0
" P. Nanjunda Naidu, Hassan, don.	3	0	0
" T. H. Martyn, Genl. Secy., Aus. Sec. T. S. 25°/₀ Dues for 1897. Cheque for £12-5-4, N. V.	196	4	0
" Otway Cuffe, Genl. Secy. Eur. Sec. T. S. 25 °/₀ Dues for ½ year April 30, 1898, by cheque for £34-0-3, nominal value	544	3	0
" A. Zettersten Gen. Secy. Scand. Sec. T. S. 25°/₀ Dues on account of 1898, by cheque for £25-8-4, N. V. ...	406	10	0
LIBRARY FUND.			
Ross Scott Esq., C. S., Lucknow, donation...	50	0	0
" C. Sambiah, Mylapore, subn.	3	0	0
SUBBA ROW MEDAL FUND.			
Mr. A. Nilakanta Sastri, part payment out of Rs. 16 ..	2	0	0

T. VIJIARAGHAVA CHARLU,
Treasurer, T. S.

ADYAR, 26*th May* 1898.

WHITE LOTUS DAY AT ADYAR.

White Lotus Day was observed at the Head-quarters of the Society in the usual way. The following extracts are taken from a glowing report in the *Hindu*: "The premises of the Theosophical Society at Adyar are very lovely, and, on occasions, the loveliness increases ever so much, and the happy visitor is in complete raptures. There is a halo of sacredness about the place, and its intimate association with such great personages as Colonel Olcott, Madame Blavatsky and Mrs. Besant adds largely to the charm of the retreat......Sunday last was the anniversary of the death of Madame Blavatsky, and the day has been styled as the White Lotus Day. Colonel Olcott liberally gave away money doles and rice to a large number of fishermen and other poor people living in Adyar. The public meeting was held in the evening at 5 o'clock in the lecture hall, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Strings of white lotus were hung all round and over the grand photo of Madame Blavatsky. The sight of the *dais* and its immediate front looked very like the ideal *âsram* of a Rishi of old, and those that were gathered together on the occasion, were, if only for the time, lost in a flood of spirituality.

"There were about thirty present, among them being Colonel Olcott. Miss Edger, Messrs. V. C. Seshacharriar, B.A., B.L., S. V. Rangaswami Aiyangar, B.A., T. Vijiaraghava Charlu, M. K. Srinivasa Aiyar, B.A., T. Sadasiva Aiyar, B.A. B.L., Kristnasawmi Naidu, B.A., B.L.

'The proceedings opened with the chanting of the fifteenth chapter of the " Bhagavad Gîtâ" by several of the Brahmin gentlemen present, followed

by the reading of extracts from the "Light of Asia" by Mr. V. C. Seshacharriar. "Colonel Olcott said that it was the wish of Madame Blavatsky, made known in her will, that on this anniversary, which he had christened White Lotus Day extracts from two books which she had cherished most might be read. The "Gitâ" was a wonderful book, and the Theosophcal Society had done more than any individual or body to spread it in the utmost parts of the world......Speaking of the other book, Colonel Olcott observed that of all the books written by Sir Edwin Arnold on the different religions of the world, none could compare with the "Light of Asia."

"Miss Lilian Edger, M.A., said she had not known Madame Blavatsky personally, but......only through her works. That was, after all, the best test of a person......The entire work done by Madame Blavatsky was not done by that entity known to the world as Helena Petrovna Blavatsky. The work was done by the Masters, and Madame was their instrument. When the Master found that materialism was growing and the world was not fulfilling its destiny, they and their disciples were ready for work, and they did it through certain deserving persons. Madame Blavatsky was such an instrument......and the effect of her mighty labours was shown in all countries. Not that the changes would not have come but for H. P. B., but that she was selected for the work was enough for all to esteem her and be grateful to her. Since the formation of the Society there was an increased interest in religion, not in any one religion, but in all religions throughout the world......Performing ceremonies and studying the Vedanta Philosophy were well indeed, but those who really wanted religion must have some power in their lives corresponding to what was known as Bhakti." She then referred to the increase of the spirit of tolerance in Australia and New Zealand, an increase due in part to the work of the Theosophical Society. "So far as India was concerned, since the formation of the Theosophical Society, there had been a revival in the study Sanskrit and of of the Indian religion, and the other countries of the world had begun to take an interest in the study of Hinduism......The Hindus too had become more tolerant......It was certain that science was in sympathy with religion. If properly understood each would support the other.

Mr. T. Vijiaraghava Charlu, Mr. C. Sambiah Garu, and Mr. S. V. Rangaswami Aiyangar spoke of the way in which they had been led to join the Society and of their relationships with Madame Blavatsky, to whom they all felt deep gratitude for the work she had done.

Mr. T. Sadasiva Aiyar testified to the good work done by Mr. K. Narayanaswami Aiyar in scientificially interpreting the Puranas, and in so doing paid a high compliment to Madame Blavatsky who had provided keys for such purpose in her monumental works of "Isis Unveiled" and "Secret Doctrine." Many of his friends had, by the labours of H. P. B., been saved from becoming atheistic, or falling into the hands of the Christian Missionary.........

Mr. V. C. Seshacharriar observed that the Society founded twenty-three years ago had done a vast amount of good work to the world. It was like the banyan tree that gave kindly shelter to a numerous host.........The immense proportions assumed by the Theosophic literature at the present day were proof positive of the grand work of the Society. The revival of the study of Sanskrit and of Hinduism were two of the blessings conferred by it on this country.........

Mr. W. A. Krishnamacharriar knew the Founders even when he was a student. His religion was then being constantly attacked by his Christian teachers and he was helpless. Colonel Olcott's lectures gave him strength and enabled him to hold his own against the opponents of his religion.........

Pandit Anantakrishna Sastri spoke in Tamil on the service done by the Society in the past and the explanations it had furnished for many an apparently absurd Purana.

Colonel Olcott said that after devoting his life for many years to the work of the Society he had now the pleasure to see Theosophy carried to the utmost parts of the world. The Theosophical Society had withstood many trials, and the speaker had watched its progress as a father would watch the growth of a child.........The objects of the Society were well defined

and could not be quarrelled with by any reasonable man. The idea of a Universal Brotherhood was for the first time in the history of the world scientifically laid before all by the Theosophical Society. The Society befriended Sanskrit literature, and did much to promote its study. While the Hindus were unable to combat the attacks of Christian Missionaries against their religion it was the Theosophical Society that put it in the power of the Hindus to defend their religion and to have a feeling of self-respect for themselves... ......Speaking of Madame Blavatsky, the Colonel said she was enthusiastically devoted to the movement, and was ready at all times, if need there were, to give her life for the cause. The world saw that the leaders of the Society were in dead earnest and it would be well for our members to regard the White Lotus Day as a milestone in their lives. He exhorted them to practise Theosophy and make themselves useful to the world.

He then announced that he had resolved to open a Panchama school at Kodambakam and dedicate it as a feeble memorial to H. P. B. He had completed negotiations for the purchase of a suitable building and premises, and invited subscriptions from those assembled in furtherance of the movement. A sum of four hundred rupees was promised on the spot. About a thousand more are needed.

CELEBRATIONS ELSEWHERE.

We can give only abridgements of the reports sent us of the commemorations of Mme. Blavatsky's Anniversary, which was observed all over the world.

The Bengal Theosophical Society, of Calcutta, was favored with an appropriate address on the occasion, by its President, Hon. Babu Norendro Nath Sen, who alluded to the prophetic powers of Madame Blavatsky, to her life of "long-drawn-out suffering, of physical and mental torture," to the teachings she has left with us, and to the one characteristic which dominated all others in her nature—that of "devotion to the Masters,"

M. C. Krishnasawmy Aiyar writes from Kumbhakonam :—The White Lotus Day was celebrated as usual at Kumbhakonam with doles of rice and cash in the morning to the poor and in the evening with the readings from the "Gîtâ" and the "Light of Asia" followed by a lecture from Mr. K. Narayanswami Aiyar on "the rebirth of H. P. B."

B. S. Ramaswami Aiyar, Treasurer, Salem T. S. writes :—The White Lotus Day was celebrated by this Branch with considerable eclat. The attendance was large and appreciative. M. R. Ry. T. N. Ramachandra Aiyar Avl., our Treasury Deputy Collector and quondam President of the Branch presided. The proceedings commenced with the reading of the 16th Chapter of the "Bhagavad Gîtâ" by M. R. Ry. V. Krishnaswami Aiyar Avl., our worthy President, whose brief but lucid explanation of the Chapter was much appreciated. This was followed by the reading of that portion of the "Light of Asia" wherein the author graphically describes the departure of Siddartha Gautama, Lord Buddha, from his father's kingdom, in quest of Divine Wisdom. Other readings and some eloquent addresses followed. The proceedings closed with the distribution of sandal, flower, *pansupari* and fruits. In the evening about a thousand poor persons were fed, some of whom were also clothed.

From the Secretary of the Chittoor Branch.—The White Lotus Day was celebrated by the Chittoor Branch of the T. S. on the 8th May 1898. In the morning about a *thousand* poor people were fed from contributions among members and non-members—the thanks of the Branch being due to H. H. the Zemindar of Bangaripolliem who contributed largely towards the expenses of the feeding and who also lent for the feeding, the spacious compound of the school of which he is the Founder. In the evening a brief *resume* of the life and writings "H. P. B." was read, along with select portions of the "Bhagavad Gîtâ" and the "Light of Asia." All the members and sympathisers and some of the *elite* of the town were present on the occasion. The meeting dispersed after distribution of sandal and *pansupari*.

The Secretary of the Aryan Patriotic T. S., of Aligarh, writes :—In commemoration of the White Lotus Day, food grains, clothes and cash were distributed to the deserving poor yesterday. The 11th chapter of the "Bhagavad Gîtâ," portions of "Shrimad Bhagavat" and other books were recited and read.—An interesting discourse followed the readings during the course of which Rai Sahib Ishri Prasad gave a very instructive and short account of the life and doings of the much esteemed and beloved H. P. B. Solemnity was observed during the entire proceedings.

From the Secretary Brahma Vichara Lodge, Tirupatur (Salem District). The "White Lotus Day" was celebrated by this Branch on the 8th instant. Above one hundred people, males, females and children, were fed in the morning in a place not far away from the premises of the Society. In the evening there was a gathering of the members and sympathisers of the association in its premises. The object of the meeting was briefly explained by the President. The "Life and Writings of H. P. Blavatsky" by W. J. Colville, and also selected portions from the 18th Chapter of the "Bhagavad Gîtâ" and from the "Secret Doctrine" were read and explained. Many members and sympathisers of the Branch were present and general enthusiasm prevailed.

K. S. Subramaniam Aiyar, B. A., writes from Sulurpett:—At a meeting of the people of this place to celebrate the "White Lotus Day" there were present many orthodox Brahmins and pandits. The life of Madame Blavatsky and her work towards the revival of Hinduism were explained and the amount of gratitude the Hindus owe to her and to the Theosophical Society was pointed out in an impressive manner. The eighth chapter of "Bhagavad Gîtâ" was read and explained by brother J. Sreenivasa Rao Garu of Gooty.

This Eastern custom of feeding the poor on such occasions as this, gives to White Lotus Day a very pleasant aspect to us old friends of H. P. B.

"Bhagavatam" which it was proposed to expound to the public on every holiday between 3 and 6 P. M., was begun on this memorable occasion with the hope of continuing it to the end. The 1st chapter of "Dasamaskandam" was read and explained.

White Lotus Day at Vaniembody was celebrated with great devotion at the Branch Theosophical Society's building. Many members of the Society and sympathizers with the movement were present. Fortunately for the occasion, Mr. T. Ramachendra Row, B. A., B. L., the Sub-Judge of Musulipatam, who happened to be present in the town, presided.

The said gentleman briefly sketched the life of Madame Blavatsky, and the enduring good done by her to the cause of Hinduism, which entitles her to a deep and everlasting gratitude, of not only India's sons but of all who love and ever think of God.

Then the President read and explained a chapter from Bhagavat-Gîtâ. After an offering of garlands and flowers in the name of our beloved and revered teacher, H. P. B., the meeting closed. In the evening Mr. O. Sundra Row, the President of the Branch (Dy. Tahsildar of the place) entertained the members and sympathizers, and the proceedings closed with a warm prayer for the future prosperity of the Society and for the long life and renewed energy of those who have devoted themselves to the cause.

NEW BRANCHES.

Scandinavia :—A charter, dated April 22nd, 1898, has been granted to August Bergland, Olof Eriksson, Med. Dr. Anders Lindwall, Miss Linda Edström, Mrs. Adrianne Erlandsen, Axel Norberg and Aaron Pettersson to form a Branch at Sundswall in Sweden, to be known as *Sundswall Lodge* of the Theosophical Society. The President is Mr. August Berglund, and the Secretary, Med. Dr. Anders Lindwall, Alvik, Sundswall (Sweden).

There are now fourteen branches in the Scandinavian Section.

A. Zettersten,
General Secretary.

EUROPE:—On May 2nd, 1898, a charter was granted to M.W. Sharples, M.D., Herbert Warren, G. H. Shepherd, J. Rowland Acton, Mrs. Warren, Miss Rosa Warren, and Miss Florence Smith. This Branch is to be known as the Wandsworth Branch of the Theosophical Society.

OTWAY CUFFE,
General Secretary, European Section.

AMERICA:—On April 21st, a charter was issued to the Vancouver T. S., Vancouver, B. C., with 10 charter-members. This was a Branch formed by Mr. Judge's Society, but all its members save three have recently left that organization, have sought admission to the T. S., and have established a Branch. It is the 58th on the American Roll.

ALEXANDER FULLERTON,
General Secretary.

DEATH OF A GOOD THEOSOPHIST.

We have to record the fact that at Arconum, on May 4th ult. died (out of his physical body) Pestonji Muncherji Ghadiali, F. T. S., a most estimable man and devoted colleague. He is not one of our oldest Indian members but within the period of his connection with the Society he has crowded more unselfish, good work than many who have been twice as long on our rolls. His loss will be severely felt by the Bombay T. S. and by his dear family and his intimate friends, among whom the President-Founder has been glad to count himself. We trust that he may soon be returned to work.

ADYAR LIBRARY.

The following books have been added since last month:—

Donated:—

Buddhism and its Christian Critics, from Dr. Paul Carus; *The Tamil Almanac* for the current Tamil year, from Mr. Kartikeya Iyer; *Letters from Julia*; *Jarathshtra in the Gathas*, from Mr. Jahangir Bomonjee Petit; *Annual Reports of the Bureau of Ethnology* (vols. 14, 15 and 16), from the Smithsonian Institution; *Andhra Parâsara* (on Astrology), from Mr. K. Subbarayarya; *The Three Paths*, by Mrs. Besant, in Gujarati; *Aufrecht's Catalogues Catalogorum*, from Frl. Hedwig Kolbe (part) II. and *Taittariya Samhitâ*, with Bhattabhâskara's Commentary (vols. 10 and 11), from the Curator, Government Oriental Library, Mysore.

Purchased:—

History of Civilization in Ancient India (vols. 11); one hundred and seventy-nine books on different subjects. Vizianagaram Sanskrit Series 1 to 15, except 2, 4 and 9.

R. ANANTAKRISHNA SASTRI.

ANOTHER LITERARY DECEIT.

Prof. E. B. Cowell, Dr. Rhys Davids, Sir Edwin Arnold, Sir George Birdwood, Sir Monier-Williams and other important men of letters and Orientalists, have petitioned the First Lord of the Treasury to recommend the Queen to put on the Civil Pension List the name of Pandit Kissari Mohun Ganguli, the eminent Sanskrit scholar of Calcutta, for his services in translating into English the "Mahabharata". It is stated that the late Babu P. C. Roy usurped all the credit for this splendid literary work, and was made C. I. E. for it when, in fact, these distinctions should have gone to Pandit Kissari Mohun. Following is the text of the document:

SIR,—We the undersigned, who are interested in the advancement of oriental learning, solicit your sympathy on behalf of Pandit Kissari Mohan Ganguli, a deserving and now world-famous Sanskrit scholar residing in Calcutta. He has recently completed a translation into English prose of the Great Indian epic poem entitled the Mahabharata, which has absorbed all his time and energies for the last thirteen years. The late Babu Pratapa Chandra Rai, C.I.E., was, indeed, the nominal author of this achievement; but its execution from the scholar's side was due to Pandit Kissari Mohan Ganguli's unaided efforts. His business colleague possessed much energy and power of organisation, qualities which enabled him to secure the patronage of the Indian aristocracy and the official class for a work which would never have seen the light without substantial pecuniary support; but he was incapable of rendering any literary assistance whatever. Pandit Kissari Mohan Ganguli's innate modesty, his dislike of anything savouring of self-advertisement, prompted

him to remain all those laborious years in the background and to yield the entire honour of the work to his associate. Of the value of his translation, there can be but one opinion. Its adequacy is admitted by all students of Sanskrit, and even in distant countries it is appealed to as the standard in controversies arising out of the Mahabharata. Nor is scrupulous fidelity to the original its only merit. The translation displays, all things considered, a grace of diction, a felicity of phrase, which are rarely found in attempts to render the thought and spirit of distant ages into a modern tongue. The Races of the West are now enabled for the first time to appreciate the hidden springs which animate countless millions of their Eastern brothers. For this great national epic has exercised a powerful influence in moulding the character of the Hindu. In his eyes, the men and women of the Mahabharata are far more than mere abstractions; and the legends of courage and devotion with which its pages teem stir to this day the heart of India and furnish its chief treasury of history, morals and faith. The service rendered to the Empire by the translation can hardly be overrated, nor would any measure of public recognition be too great for labours so noble, so patient as his. He has taken from the British Raj and from Western scholarship the shame of leaving untransferred to the language of the Governing Power a rich and wonderful mass of ancient poetry, seven times as bulky as the Iliad and Odyssey combined, which contains, amid much waste-rock of matter, many and many a vein and nugget of the purest literary gold. He has, however, reaped no reward save that of his own conscience for so strenuous an effort to promote the cause of scholarship and the growth of a better understanding between the English and the Indian peoples. Old age has come upon him; and with it a serious diminution in his resources. To leave such a man to perish in poverty would be a brand on the good name of the British Government in India and an irretrievable dishonour to Literature.

We, therefore, respectfully urge that a graceful form of acknowledging Pandit Kissari Mohan Ganguli's eminent merits would be the grant to him of a pension from the Civil Lists. Such an honour paid to an Indian man of letters would be instantly appreciated throughout the length and breadth of the Peninsulas; and could not fail to inspire among the Indian peoples a feeling of deep respect for the impartiality and breadth of view displayed by the British Government.

It may, indeed, be urged that no precedent exists for the bestowal of any portion of Her Majesty's bounty on a person who has an Indian domicile. On the other hand there is no reason, *a priori*, which would render such a course impracticable. The principles regulating those subsidies are enunciated in a Resolution of the House of Commons, dated 18th February, 1834, the wording of which runs thus, in 1 and 2 Victoria cap. 2, Sec. 6: "It is the bounden duty of the responsible advisers of the Crown to recommend to His Majesty for grants of pensions on the Civil List such persons only as have just claims on the Royal beneficence, or who by their personal services to the Crown, by the performance of duties to the public, or by their useful discoveries in Science and attainments in Literature and the Arts, have merited the gracious consideration of their Sovereign and the gratitude of their country."

We believe that the course which we suggest is opposed to neither the letter nor the spirit of the law. Moreover, the occasion seems to be a fitting one for asserting the Imperial principle, so vital in times when every means should be taken to knit together the possessions of Great Britain by ties of mutual sympathy. We would pray, then, that you will be pleased to recommend Her Majesty graciously to accord Pandit Kissari Mohan Ganguli, of Calcutta, a becoming Pension from the annual Civil List provision for the encouragement of Literature.

We are, Sir, your most obedient servants,

Arthur Arnold, Edwin Arnold, M. M. Bhownaggree, George Birdwood, O. T. Burne, E. B. Cowell, Connemara, A. Croft, T. W. Rhys Davids, Fitz-Edward Hall, F. W. Farrar, Harris, Monier Monier-Williams, R. A. Neil, Northbrook, Reay, E. Dension-Ross, Stanley, Frincis H. Skrine.

April 25th, 1898.

It is, we believe, undoubtedly true that this edition of the *Mahabharata* would never have been published but for the zeal and unquenchable perseverance of Babu Pratapa Chandra Roy, who made the greatest pecuniary sacrifices to bring it out and whose loving wife has well-nigh beggared herself since his death to complete the unfinished publication. It now appears that he usurped the credit properly due to the real translator, not content with the honorable share which was his own due. This, if the fact given be true, is a very immoral transaction, and of a kind that is too common, not only in India but in all other countries.

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Mr. Alexander Fullerton, Genl. Secy., American Section T. S. 25°/₀ Dues £6=	90	0	0
„ D. Chidester, Thro. Mr. A. Fullerton, Donation £1= ...	15	4	0
„ C. Sambiah, Mylapore, Subscription	1	8	0

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	RS.	A.	P.
Mr. A. Von Hoffmann, England, Donation	200	0	0
„ P. Kesava Pillai, Gooty do	50	0	0
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The Cuddapah T. S., cut stones for the floor pavement ...			
Mr. C. Sambiah, Mylapore, Subn.	1	8	0

ADYAR, 29th June 1898.

T. VIJIARAGHAVA CHARLU, *Treasurer, T. S.*

THE C. A. WHITE BEQUEST.

Recognizing the right of every member of the Society to know whatever concerns it, I take the first opportunity to make public the nature and extent of the White bequest to Head-quarters, which was briefly noticed in the April number. The needful particulars have been sent me by Mr. T. A. Barnes F. T. S. of Seattle, U. S. A., one of the Trustees, together with a copy of the Will. Mr. White left a certain amount in cash and bank stock, which will be offset by debts unsettled, but the bulk of his estate was in unproductive town building lots, for which there is no present market, owing to a general depression of values throughout the country. When property recovers itself these lots ought to fetch good prices—say in a couple of years—and Mr. Barnes hopes that the Trustees will then be able to pay over to me and my co-trustees a handsome sum, that will remain after satisfying every claim on the estate. This may be as much as fifty thousand dollars (say £ 10,000 or Rs. 150,000). The Will, as a whole, is very simply and sensibly drawn. After paying the debts specified in an attached schedule, the Trustees are to " pay the proceeds to the Trustees of the Theosophical Society at Adyar, Madras, India, or wherever the said Theosophical Society may be located, appointed or acting under a Deed of Trust, dated the 14th day of December, A. D. 1892, and duly enrolled." " And, " says he, " I direct that the receipt of the said Trustees, or the reported Trustees for the time being, shall be sufficient discharge for the said legacy. It is my express will that the said legacy to the said Theosophical Society in India be used for the purpose, as far as possible, of obtaining translations into English of the Ancient Hieratic Scriptures, believed to exist in India and elsewhere, for the use of the Theosophical Society and its Branches all over the world."

If Mr. White had consulted me he might have been shown how to word the bequest a little better. The Theosophical Society, is not "in India" only, but all over the world; a fact not clearly grasped by all our members. His reference to the possible shifting of Head-quarters to another place than Adyar reflects an illusion of certain lady Theosophists, for such an idea never entered our heads as a conceivable thing so long as I should live. We are, fortunately, not much hampered as to either the class of literature or the country in which to seek for the objects of Mr. White's liberal generosity; while as for "hieratic literature" the Trustees will have to use their best judgment in carrying out the wishes of the Testator. Certainly, it was not any literature exclusively to be sought for in Egypt or outside India, since his mind was expressly directed towards India. However, if we ever get the money it will be time enough to then consider details. The White bequest having come upon us so unexpectedly, I am led to presume that other admirers of our Society or friends of the Founders may have already inserted testamentary clauses in their Wills for our benefit or that of our work. It will not be taken amiss, therefore, if while this subject is up I give them a word or two of counsel. *First,* Whatever bequest they intend for the good of the Theosophical Society as such, *i.e.*, the mother organization which has, throughout the world, its seven Sections, its four hundred Branches, and at Adyar, Madras, India, its executive centre, should be simply so designated in the bequest. Its property is now in the custody of a duly registered Board of Trustees of which I am the Managing Trustee for life, legally responsible to the Board and to the whole Society for my acts as such. It suffices, then, to leave the legacy to me as Henry Steel Olcott, President and Managing Trustee of the Theosophical Society, subject to the provisions of a Deed of Trust, dated the 14th December 1892, and duly enrolled. Specifying the objects for which the money is to be used. *Second.* The simple proviso of Mr. White's will that the receipt of the Trustees of the Society to the Trustees under his Will shall be a sufficient discharge for the legacy, is very sensible. In fact, the simpler the wording and the more discretion that is given us, the more likely is it that the Testator's wishes will be strictly carried out. We lost the Hartmann and the Scottish legacies because the testators did not take the simple precaution of asking me in confidence how their plans could best be realised. I hope, for the Society's sake, this mistake may not be repeated.

If it should be asked why, after the White bequest, we should ask or expect more legacies, the answer is very simple. In the first place, we may never realise anything from the White estate; many obstacles may interpose, and, in fact, our getting anything depends upon the recovery of values of landed property before it is eaten up in taxes. Secondly, it will need much more than the estimated maximum sum to capitalise the splendid idea of broadening the Adyar property into an Oriental Institute, with a great library courses of lectures on the world's religions and philosophies, the collection, translation and publication of rare ancient works (Mr. White's idea), and the making of our Head-quarters a world-renowned centre of learning and spiritual teaching. Thirdly, it is most important that the Head-quarters should be in a position to assist Sectional Head-quarters and poor Branches with books and pecuniary help; to pay the travelling expenses of lecturers like Mrs. Besant, Miss Edger, myself, and others sent or called to open up new territory for the theosophical movement; and to push on our work in every practicable way. I feel free to say all this because I do not ask or expect a penny for myself: all that I have, or ever shall have, is the Society's, not my own. Bequests have been made, therefore others are likely to be made, and who should know so well as I how they had best be worded and applied to effect the most good?

H. S. OLCOTT.

NEW BRANCHES.

EUROPE:—On May 18, 1898, a charter was issued to Victor Lafosse, M. D., Ernest Nyssens, M. D., Paul Marlier, Emile Bertrand, Eudoro de Vroge, Louis Dupont, Maurice Demlomandre, Madame J. Keelhoff, Miss

Carter, Mademoiselle Julia Gyckholt and Mademoiselle Valerie Verleysen. This Branch is to be known as the "Branche Centrale Belge", and is the second Branch of the Theosophical Society founded at Brussels.

OTWAY CUFFE,
General Secretary.

AMERICA:—On May 26th, there was issued a charter to the South Haven T. S., South Haven, Mich., with 10 charter members. This branch was formed by Mr. F. E. Titus, and is the 60th on the American roll.

ALEXANDER FULLERTON,
General Secretary.

AMERICAN SECTIONAL CONVENTION.

The General Secretary, Mr. Fullerton, has sent us advanced proof-sheets of his Annual Report. During the eleven months covered, 31 New Branches have been chartered, 625 members have been admitted (including 66 re-admitted), 6 old Branches have died, and 257 members have been dropped from the roll for failure to pay dues and from the collapse of new Branches hastily formed in a first rush of enthusiasm. There are now 58 Branches in the American Section. Its financial position is good, and its general condition warrants the optimistic forecast of the General Secretary. He uses some rather strong language about the secessionists, but bluntness is preferable to hypocrisy.

SCANDINAVIAN SECTION'S CONVENTION.

COL. H. S. OLCOTT, P. T. S.,
Adyar.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

I have much pleasure in informing you, that the Scandinavian Section, T. S., has to-day with great success held its third Convention in Stockholm.

The Convention sends its hearty greetings to the President-Founder.

I am,
Yours fraternally,
A. ZETTERSTEN,
General Secretary.

STOCKHOLM, *May* 30, 1898.

THE "THEOSOPHIST" MEDALS.

Let our readers bear in mind that with every copy of the September number of this magazine will be sent a voting blank (in the form of a postal card in India) to be filled in with the names of the writers of articles in the present volume, whom the subscriber thinks most worthy to receive respectively the gold and silver medals offered by the Proprietors. Readers are requested to look over back numbers and make up their minds to whom this real compliment should be paid.

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EXECUTIVE NOTICE.

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,
ADYAR, *17th July* 1898.

The following letter has been received from the Adigar W. Dullewe, General Manager of Buddhist Schools in the Central Province:

KANDY BUDDHIST HIGH SCHOOL,
8th July 1898.

To
The President of " The Theosophical Society."

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that owing to lack of time I am unable to fulfil all the duties attached to the post of General Manager of the Buddhist Schools in the Central Province. Therefore I wish to suggest to you that Mr. Banbery be nominated Manager of all the Schools with the exception of the Kandy High School of which I will still retain the Managership.

Trusting that this will meet your approval

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
W. DULLEWE.

The recommendation of the Adigar is approved. Mr. Harry Banbery is hereby recognized as General Manager of Buddhist Schools in the Central Province of Ceylon, and Mr. Dullewe as Manager of the Kandy Buddhist High School.

H. S. OLCOTT,
P. T. S.

ADYAR, *17th July* 1898.

The General Council having informed me that I am free to dispose of the Olcott Pension Fund as I choose, I hereby direct the Treasurer of the T. S. to set it aside as a capital sum, to be invested on good security and the interest used as needed towards the upkeep of the "Olcott Free School" (for Pariah, or Panchama, children) in perpetuity, under the direction of the Managing Trustee of the Theosophical Society and his successors in office. Any gifts hereafter made by friends and well-wishers towards this object and any surplus of interest over current expenses or other items of income, may be added to the capital, or used for the enlargement of the School and the increase of its usefulness.

H. S. OLCOTT.

In presence of:
(Sd.) C. SAMBIAH.
(Sd.) T. VIJIARAGHAVA CHARLU.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The following receipts from 28th June to 25th July 1898 are acknowledged with thanks:—

HEAD-QUARTERS FUND.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Mr. C. Sambiah, Mylapore. Subn.	... 1	8	0
„ Robert T. Tebbitt, Peking, China, Entrance fee, &c.	... 13	0	0

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LIBRARY FUND.

Mr. Sambiah, Mylapore, Subn. ...	... ...	... 1 8 0
„ T. D. S. Amarasurya, Galle, Ceylon. Donation	...	... 100 0 0

ADYAR, 25th July 1898.

T. VIJIARAGHAVA CHARLU,
Treasurer, T. S.

THE PANCHAMA-BUDDHIST MOVEMENT.

During the past month the Panchama-Buddhist movement has substantially advanced. Col. Olcott, taking with him as a Special Committee to represent the Panchama (Pariah) community, Messrs. Jyothee Thoss and Krishnaswamy, went to Ceylon; and presented them to the High Priest Sumangala and to the Buddhist public of Colombo. An audience of 5,000 persons enthusiastically greeted them at the Preaching Hall of Widyodaya College, and the High Priest gave them 'Pansil' and accepted them as Buddhists. Colonel Olcott then took them to Kandy, introduced them to the High Priests of the Malwatte and Asgiriya Ancient Royal Monasteries, who received them most graciously and gave them two old bronze statuettes of the Lord Buddha for the *Vihâra* it is intended to build at Madras. A second crowded public assemblage joyously welcomed and the warmest interest was expressed by various influential speakers in the proposed movement for the return of the Panchama descendants of the Dravidians to their Ancestral Religion. An excellent reply of the Ceylon High Priest to the petition of the Madras Panchama Meeting which was alluded to by us last month, has been prepared and is being passed around for the signatures of the Buddhist prelates. A national subscription headed by the Colonel with the sum of Rs. 50 has been started for the purchase of ground and the erection of a *vihâra* (temple), a *pansala*, (or residence for bhikshus), and a *Dharmasala* (or Preaching-hall).

COLONEL H. S. OLCOTT IN COLOMBO.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

On Sunday the 3rd instant, when S. S. *Kapurthala*, from Tuticorin, took her moorings in the Colombo Harbour at 10 A. M., about 20 representatives of the Colombo Buddhist Theosophical Society went on board to welcome Colonel Olcott, who was accompanied by Dr. Jyothee Dass, and Krishnaswamy, two delegates of the "Panchama" community of Madras. Immediately they landed and drove down to Ananda College premises, where they took their residence. At 4 P.M., the Colonel and the two Indian Delegates, Anagarika Dharmapala and 20 other members of the Society, attended the

COUNCIL OF PRIESTS

held at the Oriental College, Maligakanda, presided over by the Venerable High Priest H. Sumangala Thera. The Colonel explained the object of their visit and conveyed the message of the Committee. The appeal to re-introduce Buddhism into Southern India being accepted, the High Priest promised to give a written reply later. At 8-30 P.M., a public meeting was held at the College Hall and the premises were packed to its utmost capacity about 5,000 attending the meeting to see the Indian delegates and to hear the message of the

PANCHAMA (PARIAH) COMMUNITY

from the two representatives. Having mounted the Dharmasala the High Priest Sumangala gave Pansil to the assembly and explained the historical connection of Ceylon with South India and expressed his desire to help the down-trodden people. He called upon the Colonel to address the gathering, and on rising the veteran Colonel received such a vociferous cry of "Sadhu" and deafening applause that proved the audience expected to hear some rejoicing news. An avowed Buddhist for 20 years the Sinhalese Buddhists will never forget what he has done for the revival of Buddhism in and out of Ceylon. He explained how a deputation of the Pariah Community waited upon him and appealed for help to convert them. After the termination of the Colonel's address, the two

INDIAN DELEGATES

gave an account of their nation. They said that they were convinced from a study of Tamil literature that their ancestors were of the Dravidian race and Buddhists, that they had been conquered in war and reduced to slavery, that they had never been able to recover their former social condition, and that their conquerors had destroyed their temples, slaughtered their priests and extirpated their religion from Southern India. Having explained the object of their visit and the message they were deputed to convey, they expressed their willingness to embrace Buddhism. The Colonel and Anagarika Dharmapala acting as responsers conducted them to the presence of the High Priest, who gave Thisarana Pancha Sela to the two Indian Delegates and admitted them to the Buddhist religion. The enthusiasm of the audience was unbounded and the cries of "Sadhu" lasted for some minutes. Mr. R. A. Mirando, the President of the Colombo Buddhist Theosophical Society, pinned on to their coats two pretty badges bearing the inscription "Reverence To Buddha" and a representation of the six coloured Buddhist Flag. The High Priest chanted some more Pali Gathas involving blessings on the gathering and the historical function thus terminated. The Colonel's address was interpreted by Mr. C. P. Gunawardana and that of Dr. Jyothi Dasa and Krishnaswamy in Tamil by Mr. D. P. Jayawardana, members of the Society. The party then drove down to the new Vihara at Bambalapitipa. News having been spread abroad thousands waited to see the revered Colonel and the two new Upasakas. The Vihara was very tastefully decorated and beautifully illuminated. Through interpretation of Mr. Subasingha, the Colonel delivered a short address.

The following day the two Indians visited the historic

TEMPLE OF KELAMYA,

and on Wednesday evening the Colonel and party proceeded to Kandy by train and a hearty reception was accorded to them at the Railway Station, from which the party was taken in a grand procession. In the evening the Colonel addressed a big gathering at the Kandy Buddhist School Hall, which was tastefully decorated. The South Indian Mission scheme was explained to the audience and the High Priest of Malwatta Vihara and Asgiruja Vihara promised to render them help in converting the people of the Panchama Community. On Thursday evening the party returned to Colombo, and at 6 P.M. the Colonel presided over a meeting of the Colombo Buddhist Theosophical Society. At 8 P.M. members of the Society entertained the Colonel and the two Indian converts at dinner in the Buddhist Head-quarters. Covers were laid for 36, and a very pleasant night was spent. On Friday the Colonel visited the Sanghamitta School Convent, went round the school and was much satisfied at the excellent work done by the Comtess de Canavaro. Attended by several members of the Society, the Colonel and the Indian delegates went on board and sailed away for Tuticorin. The Colonel's visit was a historical one and much good promises to follow.—*The Hindu, July 18th* 1898.

AMERICAN SECTION.

On June 4th, a charter was issued to the Burr Oak T. S., Kalamazoo, Mich., with 7 charter-members. The Branch was formed by Mr. F. E. Titus, and is the 61st on the American roll.

Yours fraternally,

ALEXANDER FULLERTON,

General Secretary.

ADYAR LIBRARY.

Mr. W. T. Stead has generously sent us, for the Library, Vols. 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 14, 15 and 16—all that were in stock—of the *Review of Reviews*, thus completing our file with the exception of Vols. 1, 2 and 3, which are now very rare. Will some Indian friend of the Society who is not keeping up his file, kindly give or sell us either or all these first three Volumes?

The following valuable palm leaf MSS. have been collected for the Adyar Library.

1. 'Srinivâsîyam' on Vedânta Sûtras, the commentator was the leader of the Vaikhânasa sect, the first and foremost sect of the Sri Vaishnavas.

2. 'Vaikhânasa Grihya Sûtras' (1st 12 Prasnas only).
3. 'Padminî parinaya', an old Kâvya (13 chapters).
The above have been presented by Brahmasrî Sundararaja Sastriar of Elathur, Tenkasi Taluq.
4. 'Prapanchasâra' of Srî Sankarâchârya, a grand work on Mantra Sâstra (a portion only), purchased.
5. 'Prapanchasâra Sangraha' by Padmapâdâchârya.
6. 15 MSS. on Mantra Sâstra consisting of important Mantras.
7. 'Soubhâgyaratnâkara,' a grand and independent work on Mantra Sâstra by Appayadîkshita.
8. 'Sâmudrika Sâstra,' a treatise on Palmistry (a rare work).
9. 'Vâstuparikshâ' and 'Grahavidhâna', of Silpa Sâstra.
10. 30 MSS. on different subjects, a list of which will appear in due course. Nos. 5 to 10 have been presented by one Mr. K. Ayyadorai Iyer, Rangasamudram, Ambasamudram Taluq.

Miss Edith Ward F. T. S. has most kindly collected by subscription enough to purchase an Embossed Japanese paper covering for the ceiling of the New Western Section Library room, which will protect the books from being damaged by the fine shower of lime dust which the salt sea air causes to fall from the ceilings throughout our house. This will also add much to the beauty of the room. We are also indebted to gifts of money from Mr. A. Von Hoffmann, of England, and Mr. P. Casava Pillay, of Gooty, and of Cuddapah stones for the flooring from the Cuddapah Branch T. S. When completed it will be one of the handsomest, if not the handsomest, rooms in India.

R. Anantakrishna Sastri,
Library Pandit.

PROGRAMME OF MISS L. EDGER'S TOUR IN SOUTHERN INDIA.

Names of Stations.	Arrival.		Departure.	
	Date.	Hour.	Date.	Hour.
	July.		July.	
Coimbatore ...	19	15—51	23	8—31
Palghat ...	23	9—53	25	19—51
Salem ...	26	6—40	29	3—56
Karur ...	29	8—15	31	8—31
			Aug.	
Trichy Fort ...	31	10—39	2	21—25
	Aug.			
Madura ...	3	3—30	6	3—45
Tinnevelly ...	6	9—15	9	9—25
Tanjore ...	9	21—16	13	4—45
Negapatam ...	13	7—30	15	0—40
Kumbakonam ...	16	5—53	18	22—36
Chinglepnt ...	19	6—9	22	6—25
Conjivaram ...	22	7—32	24	18—35
			Sept.	
Bangalore Cant. ...	25	6—7	1	21—0
	Sept.			
Mysore ...	2	6—0	9	21—40
Tompattur ...	10	14—13	13	0—2
Chittore ...	13	5—20	15	20—10
Trivallore ...	16	5—17	17	17—53
Madras ...	17	19—0	...	...

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Mr. Alexander Fullerton, Genl. Secy., Am. Sec. 25% Dues by Money Order £8-3-6 ...	122	10	0
" C. Sambiah, Mylapore ...	1	8	0
Babu Upendra Nath Basu, Genl. Secy., Ind. Sec. T. S. on a/c of 25% Dues ...	500	0	0
Mr. C. W. Sanders, Genl. Secy., N. Z. Sec. 25% Dues by M. O. £3-3-2 ...	47	6	0

LIBRARY FUND.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Mr. C. Sambiah, Mylapore ...	1	8	0
An F. T. S. of Burma ...	50	0	0
Babu Narendra Nath Mitter, Calcutta ...	50	0	0
Mr. T. M. Sundram Pillai, Palladam, 1st instalment of Rs. 100 promised ...	25	0	0

T. VIJIARAGHAVA CHARLU,
ADYAR, 26*th August* 1898. *Treasurer, T. S.*

THE EUROPEAN SECTION.

The General Secretary's Report of Proceedings at the Eighth Annual Convention of the Section, held in London, July 9th and 10th, 1898, has been issued, and does great credit to both compiler and printer. Delegates were present from Great Britain, America, France, Germany, Holland, Sweden, Belgium and India. The Vice-President of the Society, Mr. A. P. Sinnett, was elected to the chair, and Miss Edith Ward and the Hon. Otway Cuffe were elected Secretaries to the Convention. The meeting was very harmonious and successful. The retirement of Mr. Mead from the office of General Secretary which he has so ably filled since the Section was organized, was reported and a fitting vote of thanks unanimously adopted on the motion of Mrs. Besant, seconded by Mr. Thomas, of Middlesbrough. A handsome sum for the purchase of books for himself was also given him by a number of his personal friends. The Hon. Otway Cuffe was then elected his successor, and a better choice would have been impossible. We copy from Mr. Cuffe's Report such portions as we have room for:

"Our past year has been one of what I think may fairly be described as steady growth. The outer activities seem to have been well and judiciously directed on the whole, and from the reports of the Branches it is evident that there has been much quiet and systematic study going on both here at home and among our brothers on the continent. It is, I think, impossible to over-estimate the importance of this systematic study in the Lodges, as unless the already existing Lodge members have a clear and intelligent grasp of the main Theosophic conceptions it is unlikely that they will be able to influence to any great extent the thinking of their neighbours along Theosophic lines. Thanks to the labours of a few of our members there is no difficulty now, as there was in earlier years, of finding books to serve as the basis of any scheme of Branch study.

"With regard to our literature, although this year there are not many new contributions to note, yet the appearance of the *Ancient Wisdom*, from the pen of Mrs. Besant, published since last July, is of itself sufficient to make the past year notable in this respect, and we have to thank the same writer also for *The Three Paths*, a most valuable addition to our literature; so I think that if the quantity has not been very great the Section has every reason to be satisfied with the quality of the work produced.

"One very important event of the past year has been the setting of *Lucifer* and the rising of the *Theosophical Review* above the horizon. This event occurred in September last, and since then we have had ample opportunity of seeing whether our new friend at all fills the place of our old one. I venture to believe that there will be few amongst us who do not feel more than content with the change which has been made. Soon after the change of name the price of the Magazine was reduced from 1*s*. 6*d*. to 1*s*.

"*The Vâhan* has more than maintained its value in the eyes of students, thanks in a great measure, as in the previous year, to the contributions of Mr. Leadbeater and others of our more prominent members.

"I have to report that during the past year charters have been issued to the following Lodges, eight in number:

West London	Brussels
Hampstead	Hamburg
Thornton Heath	Wandsworth
Hanover	Branche Centrale Belge (Brussels)

"Also that the Bradford Lodge have returned their Charter, and that the Vienna Lodge can hardly be reckoned among the active Branches at the present time.

"In the case of the Bradford Lodge, I understand that the members decided that they would be able better to promote the work by, for the present, dissolving their organisation as a Branch.

"The total number of Branches in the Section is thirty-seven.

Since this time last year we have enrolled 314 new members; against which number a few have been marked off the Registers as lapsed, having given no sign of life for a considerable period, and there have been a few resignations and one or two deaths. This enrolment of 314 members may be considered very satisfactory when it is borne in mind that it is the largest number for many years past, and that we no longer reckon members from the Scandinavian and Dutch Sub-sections, and also that there has been no sudden rush of new members, but a steady well-sustained growth in numbers, which is distinctly a healthy sign, and promises well for the future.

"The simplified and much condensed Rules of the Section, as agreed by the Convention last year, have been printed and circulated.

"Mrs. Besant, who was in America when we assembled here last year, returned to England in October. She has since managed to visit France in the month of December, when she spoke in Paris, Toulon and Nice. Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland were visited by her in January, when she spoke at Götenburg, Christiania, Upsala, Stockholm and Copenhagen and other towns.

"When *en route* for India in March last, Mrs. Besant paid a flying visit to Rome, and gave a public lecture in the Hall of the Associazione della Stampa. Besides these activities on the continent, Mrs. Besant has found time to deliver two lectures in the Queen's Small Hall in November last, two in February, and two in March, and on Sunday last, July 3rd, she commenced a course of five lectures in the same Hall. Mrs. Besant has also spoken this year at Harrogate (where she presided at the Northern Federation Meeting in November), at Bradford, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Nottingham, Tunbridge Wells and Bristol, besides speaking at many meetings in London and the neighbourhood; amongst others, speaking before the Spiritualistic Alliance and the Liberal Social Union, for which activities I am confident the Section feels deeply indebted.

"During the year Mrs. Oakley has visited some of the members in Berlin, Leipzig, and Weimar, and in England has given public lectures in Sheffield and Nottingham, which were well attended. Mrs. Oakley also held drawing-room meetings in Nottingham and Baildon, and lectured to the Sheffield and Bradford Lodges.

"Mr. Leadbeater presided over the Northern Federation meeting in August and lectured. In October he visited the Lodges in the South-western Federation District, lecturing among other places at Exeter, Bath, Bristol and Plymouth. In November Mr. Leadbeater again attended the Northern Federation meeting; in February he spoke at the Small Queen's Hall, and also lectured at Brighton; all these in addition to numerous lectures delivered both in the Blavatsky Lodge and other London Lodges.

"Mr. Mead presided at the Northern Federation meeting in February last, when he also visited the Branches of Harrogate, Middlesbrough, Bradford, Sheffield, Manchester and Birmingham. Mr. Mead likewise lectured in the Small Queen's Hall and gave many other lectures in the metropolitan Lodges.

"Mr. Chatterji has paid a most successful visit to Belgium and France, in both of which countries he managed to attract considerable attention to Theosophy by means of his lectures among people who had not before come within reach of its influence. In Brussels alone he delivered about eighteen lectures, which were well attended, besides being present at many private group meetings, and delivering two courses of lectures in connection with the "Cercle Polyglotte" at the Hotel Ravenstein. During his stay at Brussels, and doubtless owing in a great measure to his exertions, the new Lodge, the "Branche Centrale," sprang into existence.

"In addition Mr. Chatterji lectured before some of the students of the Universities of Liège and Ghent, at the latter place the lecture being arranged by one of the professors of Philosophy of the University; also he delivered two lectures at Antwerp.

"In Paris Mr. Chatterji delivered three lectures for the Local Branch at the Salle des Mathurins, and five lectures at the Théatre Bodiniere, besides speaking at a few private meetings.

"One of our members, Mr. F. Brooks, who has been for some time residing in Belgium, kindly accompanied Mr. Chatterji throughout his tour, and acted as interpreter in the most admirable fashion, Mr. Chatterji speaking in English.

"The need for helpers in the work of reorganising the Branches in America in the year 1896 being very great, Countess Wachtmeister went there and threw herself with the greatest energy into that work, and continued travelling and lecturing throughout the length and breadth of the United States until quite recently, when she returned to England. Countess Wachtmeister accompanied Mrs. Besant on her tour in America. The General Secretary of the American Section, in his report to their Convention in May last, refers to the invaluable work of Countess Wachtmeister and Mrs. Besant.

"Mr. Bertram Keightley visited and lectured at Manchester, Bradford and Harrogate, besides presiding at the Northern Federation meeting in May.

"Mr. Keightley also accompanied Mrs. Besant when she attended the South-western Federation meeting at Bristol in June.

"The drawing-room lectures and afternoon meetings, which were highly successful last year, have been even more so this year.

"Miss Stewart organised a series of six meetings in the winter in Grafton Street. Another set was started in the spring by Mrs. Besant, and continued by Mrs. Oakley, Mr. Leadbeater and Mr. Ward.

"Mrs. Goldby kindly lent her drawing-room for a series of meetings begun by Mrs. Hooper and continued by Miss Lowthime.

"Miss Symon also kindly lent her drawing-room for meetings.

Mrs. Faulding has also had meetings in her drawing-room each week, at which Mr. Leadbeater, Mr. Chatterji, Mr. Mead and others have spoken.

"Various meetings have been held by Mrs. Digby, Besant and other members, which have been most helpful.

"Miss L. Cooper visited Edinburgh and Nottingham in conjunction with Mrs. Besant, and held meetings for enquirers.

"Many members have been so good as to devote much time throughout the year to coming up to the Library and assisting in the despatching of *Vâhans* or any correspondence or work for which help was needed—without

which kind assistance it would have been impossible to carry on the work of the Section at Headquarters. The despatching of the *Vâhan* every month has been regularly superintended by Mr. Scoble.

"Our Assistant Secretary Mr. Glass has been very unwell for some months past, I regret to say, and unfortunately he is still not sufficiently recovered to be able to attend to his secretarial duties.

"Miss Lloyd, who already had her time much occupied in looking after the Lending Library, very kindly consented to take up the work of the Assistant Secretary during Mr. Glass' enforced absence.

"The Lotus Circle for children has continued to meet regularly on Sunday afternoon at 19, Avenue Road under Mr. Leadbeater.

"Correspondence classes, conducted by Mrs. Oakley on the *Secret Doctrine* and by Mrs. Hooper on *The Seven Principles* and *Man and his Bodies*, have been in active work throughout the year, and have been much appreciated by those members concerned."

THE SUB-EDITORSHIP.

Our respected friend Dr. W. A. English having been disabled from literary work by a serious inflammation of the left eye, and not knowing where else to find a substitute, I asked Mr. A. J. Cooper-Oakley, M. A., at one time Sub-Editor under Mme. Blavatsky, to do me the great favor of coming to my aid. He acceded at once and in the most obliging manner, and the last two numbers of the *Theosophist* have been brought out by him, while I have been travelling. Dr. English's sight having now been restored, he will return to duty, and I can relieve Mr. Cooper-Oakley from the trouble and responsibility involved in the extra service which he has, in the spirit of altruism, so cheerfully and so ably performed.

H. S. O.

THE "WHITE LOTUS FUND."

It is now evident that my appeal to the members of our Society, that they would follow the noble example of the Salvationists by adding to our Headquarters funds the savings resulting from some act of self-denial in White Lotus week, was not altogether in vain. The subjoined letter from the excellent General Secretary of the Netherlands Section tells its own story. I am very glad that the first contribution towards a "White Lotus Fund" should have come from Holland, the country of my forefathers on one side. I hope that the example may be followed.

H. S. O.

To Col. H. S. Olcott,
President, Theosophical Society.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have this day received a letter from Mr. J. J. Boissevain, stating that he has through Messrs. Adolph Boissevain & Co., forwarded to you this day the sum of Ten Pounds sterling. This money has been collected by him as President of a centre of students of this town, members of the T. S. who have taken the initiative in asking, during the White Lotus week from 8-14 May, subscriptions on behalf of the General Fund of the Society. They have succeeded in raising the above sum, and request you to accept same on behalf of the Society and to use it in the way you may think most fit and proper. This is the fund mentioned by you to be founded as the "White Lotus Fund."

I remain, Dear Sir,
Fraternally Yours
W. B. Fricke,
Gen. Sec., Dutch Section.

EUROPEAN SECTION.

COL. OLCOTT,
President Founder, T. S. LONDON, *July 16th, 1898.*

DEAR SIR,

I beg to inform you that the Thornton Heath Branch of the Theosophical Society having applied for permission to change its name, this has been granted, and this Branch will in future be known as the Croydon Branch.

Yours truly,
OTWAY CUFFE,
General Secretary
per L. Ll.

NEW BRANCHES IN AMERICA.

On June 16th, a charter was issued to the Council Bluffs T. S., Council Bluffs, Iowa, with 8 charter members. This Branch was formed by Mr. Lewis A. Storch. The Secretary is Mr. Storch, and his address is Room 58, U. S. Nat. Bank B'd'g, Omaha, Neb. On June 17th, a charter was issued to the Freeport T. S., Freeport, Ills., with 12 charter members. The Branch was formed by Mr. Wm. Brinsmaid. On June 18th, a charter was issued to the Lansing T. S., Lansing, Mich., with 14 charter members. The Branch was formed by Mr. F. E. Titus. On June 25th, a charter was issued to the Peoria T. S., Peoria, Ills., with 9 charter members. This Branch was formed by Dr. Mary W. Burnett, and has for its Secretary Mrs. Pearl A. Spaulding, Spring Hill Santharium, Peoria, Ills. There are now 65 Branches in the American Section, and about 1,150 members.

Yours fraternally,
ALEXANDER FULLERTON,
General Secretary.

On July 25th a charter was issued to the Saginaw T. S., Saginaw, Mich., with 11 charter-members. This Branch is due to the work of Mrs. Anna J. Dayton of Chicago. The Secretary is Mrs. Amy A. Hubbard, 615 S. 4th st, Saginaw E. S., Mich. There are now 66 Branches in the American Section.

Yours fraternally,
ALEXANDER FULLERTON,
General Secretary.

On July 27th a charter was issued to the St. Louis Lodge T. S., St. Louis, Mo., with 7 charter-members. This Branch was formed by Dr. Mary W. Burnett. The President is Miss Margaret K. Seater, and the Secretary Miss Agnes Leech, 4234 Prairie Ave. There are now 67 Branches on the American roll.

Yours fraternally,
ALEXANDER FULLERTON,
General Secretary.

THE INDIAN SECTION.

We are at last credibly informed that the Annual Convention of the Indian Section will be held at Benares, October 26, 27 and 28. The President-Founder will preside and Mrs. Besant and Miss Edger will be present and give addresses.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE H. P. B. PARIAH SCHOOL.

In addition to the Adyar Lodge subscriptions, the White Lotus Day subscriptions, and the generous donation of £150 by a "European Theosophist," the following sums have been sent in for the H. P. B. Pariah School :

	Rs.	A.
P. N. Yogi	15	0
Nanda Kissen Sett	10	0
Bishan Lal	7	6
T. R. Rajaratna	3	0
R. Sooria Row	25	0
Chhatri Dharidal	1	0

	Rs.	A.
R. D. Made	4	8
Harpat H. Mehta	5	0
N. M. Desai	3	0
A. Fullerton	15	0

The donors will please accept our sincere thanks for their prompt response to the appeal published in the Supplement of May *Theosophist*.

W. A. ENGLISH.

VOTING FOR THE MEDALS.

In pursuance of notice to that effect, we are sending to each subscriber with this number of the magazine a voting blank, which is to be filled up and returned to the Editor as soon as possible. The simple form is as follows :

I recommend the award of FIRST PRIZE to

for his article / her articles entitled " "

The SECOND PRIZE to

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Pandit R. A. Sastri, of the Adyar Library returned on the 11th August from his tour in South India where he has been collecting MSS. for the Library. The tour was exceptionally successful, for he brought with him 115 MSS. mostly belonging to Mantra Sastra, some of the names of which are not to be found even in the *Catalogus Catalogorum*. The following are some of the MSS.—*Setubandha*, a great commentary on Nityâtantra by Bhâskâra ; *Bhagalamukhinyasa* from Bhairavayâmala ; *Gurgapasavali* ; *Shodhânyâs* ; *Shadâmnayastava* ; *Mahâvidyâkavacha* from Mantrakalpalata ; *Vîrabhadrabadabhâmantra* ; *Trikûtârahasya* from Rudrayâmala ; *Shodasakavachas* ; *Prayogasara* ; *Mantrasara* ; *Garudapanchâkshari* ; *Chidambarakalpa* ; *Kâladîpikâ* ; *Mairâvanacharitra* ; *Horâsâra* ; *Sârâvali* by Kalyânavarman ; *Advaitamanjarî* ; *Chandikâkalpa* ; *Bhadrakâlîmantra* ; *Bhâradvâja Sikshâ* and other two *Sikshâs* in one MS. ; *Laghustava* with a commentary ; *Silparatna* ; and *Srîchakranyâsakavacha*.

Also received *The Path of Discipleship* by Mrs. Besant, translated into Gujarati by Mr. Manamohanadas Dayaldas.

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